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# Aftershocks Jolt Los Angeles Amid Gridlock on the Freeways

LOS ANGELES - A day after an earth-quake killed 34 people, residents were joited

again by violent aftershocks, struggled to move on shattered freeways and searched through collapsed buildings for more victims. Giant chunks of the region's vital freeways lay smashed, forestelling months or perhaps years of traffic snarks in a city whose residents

virtually live in their cars. Insurance industry officials said the property damage would far exceed the \$7 billion caused in the 1989 San Francisco quake.

A major aftershock, measuring 4.7 on the Richter scale and strong enough to cause further damage, rattled the area Tuesday morning. There was an aftershock of equal strength 30

The White House said Toesday that President Bill Chairs would fly to California on Wednesday to visit the scene of the quake. The death toll rose to 34 on Tuesday when

scue workers found the body of a 16th victim in an apartment building that collapsed near the quake's epicenter, in suburban Northridge. The quake Monday measured 6.6 on the Richter scale. It was the strongest earthquake to

hit Los Angeles since Peb. 9, 1971, when 64 people were killed in a temblor that measured 6.5 on the Richter scale. The 1989 San Francisco quake measured 6.9 and killed 67. On Monday, an estimated 1,870 people were injured and more than 15,000 left homeless. Thousands of others were afraid to sleep in their undamaged homes for fear that their ceil-ings would crash down.

One aftershock after another rumbled through the area Tuesday, adding to the damage, causing more injuries and fear.

Please, please make it stop," pleaded an elderly woman in suburban Canoga Park." Schools and many businesses remained closed Tuesday, but many Los Angeles resident dents took to their cars, causing traffic gridlock

around the sprawling city. The California Highway Patrol said a normal 90-minute commute from the Antelope Valley to downtown Los Angeles would take six hours: A section of the Antelope Valley freeway col-lapsed Monday, killing a motorcycle police-

City officials said almost every facet of life See QUAKE, Page 8



A woman and child sitting amid the rubble of their apartment building, which was devastated by the earthquake, in the San Fernando Valley town of Pacoima, California.

## **Prosecutor Finds Reagan** cquiesced in Iran-Contra

## Final Report Assails Bush on Pardons Meese 3d; or Mr. Reagan's White House chief of staff, Donald T. Regan. At a news conference, Mr. Walsh, a court-

WASHINGTON - President Rouald Reagan, while not legally culpable, embraced "will-ful" acts by senior aides in the Iran-contra scendal of the 1980s and later acquiesced in a White House cover-up, the independent prose-cutor in the case said Tuesday.

In issuing his final report after a seven-year investigation, the prosecutor, Lawrence R. Walsh, argued strongly that the sale of arms to Iran in the 1980s and the illegal diversion of arms-sale profits to Nicaragua's anti-Communist rebels did not represent a "rogue" operation by White House operatives. .

Mr. Walsh also concluded that evidence was lacking to bring charges against then-Vice President George Bush, but he harshly criticized the 1992 pardon of Iran-contra figures that Mr. Bush issued as president, calling it "the most unjustified act."

Evidence was not sufficient, Mr. Walsh said, to prosecute either Mr. Reagan; Mr. Bush; President Reagan's attorney general; Edwin

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Mandela Weighs

Non-ANC Leader

PRETORIA (Reuters) — Nelson Man-dela said Tuesday his African National

Congress might appoint someone else as president of South Africa after the historic

all-race elections it is expected to win in-

April.

We stand for a government of national

unity," he said after a meeting with For-eign Minister Alain Joppe of France in

Prescria. "It may well be that we may

consider it in the interests of the people of

South Africa as a whole, to have a president, a head of state, from outside the ANC," he said.

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## Russian Turmoil Spurs Rush on Dollars

#### By Steven Erlanger

MOSCOW - Russians clamored to buy dollars, and the ruble fell sharply again Tues-day, as President Boris N. Yeltsin and his prime minister, Viktor S. Chernomyrdin, apparently failed to settle on the composition of a new government without the country's best-

known market reformers. After six hours of talks, the president and the prime minister left in the evering for their country houses, and a spokesman said they might meet again Wednesday. Their inability to announce a new government left a small degree of suspense about Finance Minister Boris G. Fyodorov, who has come to symbolize the fate of economic reform itself following the resignation Sunday of Yegor T. Gai-

Mr. Pyodorov, who turned down a job in the new government on Tuesday because his conditions had not been met, was said to be holding his options open in case Mr. Yeltsin offered him a counterproposal.

Mr. Pyodorov's apparent departure from the government prompted panic on Tuesday, as Russians stormed currency exchanges and banks to try to turn their increasingly devalued rubles into dollars.

than Mr. Reagan, saying that Mr. Bush "can never justify" his Christmas Eve 1992 pardon of former Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinber-On the Moscow currency exchange, despite central bank intervention, the ruble fell 7.3 percent, to 1,504 to the dollar, down from

President Bush will always have to answer 1,402 on Monday. for the pardon," Mr. Walsh declared.

Mr. Walsh had accused Mr. Weinberger of That means the ruble has lost 21 percent of its value since the beginning of the year, when it traded at 1,247 to the dollar.

concealing his handwritten notes, which de-tailed key White House meetings.

The scandal erupted in 1986 while Americans This kind of panic can only belp Mr. Fyo-dorov, though Mr. Yeltsin is likely to resent the pressure the young man is putting on him. But the one person Mr. Yeltsin cannot afford remained hostage in Lebanon and while the Reagan White House was seeking to support rebels fighting the leftist Sandinista government in Nicaragua. Congress, in a break with White House policy, voted to cut off aid to the to offend is Mr. Chemomyrdin, who can argue that the December elections were a vote for softer reforms and more help to faltering It was soon learned that U.S. arms had found

their way to Iran in a White House effort to buy the freedom of the American hostages, an armsfor-hostages swap that Mr. Reagan had public-

directed by the White House, some of the proceeds from the sale of the arms to Iran had been used by the contras to purchase weapons. Mr. Walsh obtained convictions against 11 people in the affair, but his two major convictions were lost on appeal — the cases against John M. Poindenter, the former White House national security adviser, and Oliver L. North, a member of Mr. Reagan's National Security

It was also learned that, in an operation

ly vowed never to pursue.

Council staff.

appointed special counsel, said that Mr. Rea-gan "thought he was serving the country" and had "no self-centered purpose" by broadly au-thorizing arms shipments and aid to the Nicura-

"It was in no way a rogue operation," Mr.

Walsh said. Rather, he described the scandal as

"a willful pair of acts embraced by a president

and carried out by persons who wanted to serve the president's policies but found they could not do so without running a risk of violating the

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guan rebels, known as contras.

Mr. North masterminded the plan to sell arms to Iran and divert the proceeds to con-See COVER-UP, Page 8

sanguine or even dismissive about the resignation of Mr. Gaidar, after his party, Russia's after his meeting here last week, he answered:

"I would think more furious than embarber elections, regard the fate of Mr. Fyodorov as an important indicator of Russia's near-term future. He is a tough bureaucratic infighter who has tried to rein in excess spend-

If Mr. Fyodorov quits, after the departure of Mr. Gaidar, the architect of Russia's reforms, "then it would be very difficult for Yeltsin and Chernomyrdin to convince any-one that reform will be preserved," Mikhail Berger, the respected economies editor of Izvestia, wrote Tuesday.

A senior Western diplomat said: "If Fyodorov goes, so does the likelihood of real economic stabilization." Asked if President Bill Clinton would be embarrassed by the

Mr. Fyodorov, 35, bad given an ultimatum, saying he would only stay on as finance minister if the anti-reform director of the central bank, Viktor V, Gerashchenko, was replaced; if a socialist deputy prime minister, Alexander K. Zaveryukha, did not outrank Mr. Fyodorov, and if the Finance Ministry had a veto over most financial decisions of the government.

Mr. Fyodorov's challenge to Mr. Yeltsin to choose a new generation of economic re-formers over older figures from the Soviet Communist bureaucracy — was reportedly rejected, and Mr. Fyodorov refused the fi-

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Western diplomats who have tried to be Money-changing was brisk Tuesday in Moscow as the ruble fell to a record low.

## Brain Trust Finds Lenin Was Merely 'Talented'

MOSCOW -- Russian scientists, lifting a veil on 70 years of secret research on Lenin's brain, exploded another Communist myth on Toesday by revealing that it was much like anyone else's.

"In the anatomical structure of Lenin's brain there is nothing sensational," said Oleg Adrianov, director of the Moscow Brain Institute where experts have spent most of this century trying to establish the secret of the Bolshevik leader's genius.

Lenin's brain, Mr. Adrianov told the Itar-Tass news agency, was "undoubtedly the brain of a talented man." But he said the area of the right hemisphere's outer surface was only just bigger than average, and the weight of the brain; at 1.34 kilograms

novelist Ivan Turgeney's, Lenin's brain, dissected into thousands of slices, has lain in exalted company at the secretive institute, perhaps the most bizarre and Orwellian feature of the cult surrounding him. It was joined over the years by the brains of such figures as Stahn, the Soviet revolutionary poet Vladimir Mayakovsky and the moviemaker Sergei Eisenstein.

(2 pounds 15 ounces), was less than two-thirds the weight of the

Mr. Adrianov said Lenin's brain lacked "the sharply defined speech faculty areas we discovered in the outstanding orator Vladimir Mayakovsky."

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Of Lenin's successor, be added dismissively: "In Stalin's brain we didn't find any special features at all."

## U.S. Locomotive Has Lost Steam, but It's Still Out Front

#### By Lawrence Malkin nel Herald Tribune

NEW YORK -- Of all the industrialized world's economies, that of the United States provides the strongest base for growth in the coming year. When America's economy dominated the world 40 years ago, it would have pumped out prosperity from Tokyo to Trieste. This year, it will mainly set a good example, because the sources of global prosperity now

No more quick dashes for growth. No huge head of steam to pull the rest of the world like a locomotive. The authority for this is no less than President Bill Clinton.

"We're trying to have slow, steady, disciplined growth that will lead to a vigorous but noninflationary economy," the president said

Virtually all private forecasters agree that

this is exactly what he will get this year: a strong sury Undersecretary Lawrence H. Summers, start underwriting real growth of about 3 percent, unemployment diminishing only slowly and an inflation rate that will probably be lower than the real growth rate for the first time since the economy emerged from the recession of

"We are just not the power we used to be, and the Third World is taking an increasing portion of global trade," said Brian Fabbri, an interna-tional economic consultant. What's more, he said, by running a trade deficit that has in-creased from \$73 billion in 1991 to about \$125 billion in 1993 and about the same in 1994, the United States has already done about all it can to stimulate the world economy.

"We usually discover locomotives when we tell someone else to be one," said Alan Stoga of This time no one is being told. Instead, Trea-

the administration's point man for international economic coordination, is preaching that virtue is its own reward: Lower interest rates for Europe, higher deficit spending for Japan,

#### When and How?

Ending the world recession Last in a series of articles on returning the world's industrial economies to competitiveness and real growth.

and industrial resurrecturing for both along American lines will help the world recover. American imes will help the world fective?

Mr. Summers contends that U.S. policy has already set its own example. By finally halting the growth of the federal budget deficit, the administration has proved Mr. Summers' thesis. Lower interest rates are stimulating hous-

ing, automobile production and business inestment. Wall Street agrees.

"Low rates are all the administration has to cancel out the drag of the higher taxes it im-posed to cut the deficit, "said Robert Giordano, chief economist of Goldman Sachs — whose old boss, Robert Rubin, now is Mr. Clinton's chief economic coordinator.

The scenario is so well understood by America's partners that the Clinton Treasury, unlike its predecessors, did not bother to press for a turn-of-the year meeting by the Group of Seven

But there are other, more fundamental reasons why an economic explosion in one country does not automatically light the fuse in its

No longer does the world's principal eco-See GROWTH, Page 8

## **Clinton Takes** New Blow as Inman Drops Pentagon Bid

#### Defense Nominee Cites Attacks in News Media And Partisan Politics

By Joseph Fitchett

International Revald Tribune WASHINGTON - In a blow to the Clinton administration's efforts to strengthen its management of security issues. Bobby Ray Imman abruptly withdrew Tuesday as the president's nominee for secretary of defense.

The precise reasons for his withdrawal were unclear, but Mr. Inman complained in a letter to the president and at a news conference about what he called biased attacks on him in the news media and partisan opposition from Republicans in Congress.

He unleashed a tirade of accusations at William Salire, the New York Times columnist, accusing him of McCarthyist tactics in blackening his reputation while other journalists, government officials and friends were failing to come to his defense.

Mr. Safire has been almost alone in publicly attacking Mr. Inman's qualifications for the Pentagon job, but Mr. Inman said the journalist was working with Republicans, including Bob Dole of Kansas, the Senate minority leader, to lamage the Democratic administration of Pres-

[Mr. Dole said Mr. Inman was "probably not qualified to be secretary of defense if be has fantasies like that," Reuters reported.

["I don't work for the newspaper," be said. He has the right to say anything he wants. He probably didn't want the job.

[Mr. Salire declined to respond to the charge immediately, and an aide said he would address the mauer in his column.]

The implication in Mr. Inman's remarks was that he would face barsh questioning in the Senate that would have tarnished his reputation. His background includes stints running the National Security Agency, which handles government cavesdropping, and working as the deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency, where he was, in effect, Congress's eyes and ears concerning U.S. undercover work during the Reagan administration.

The Senate hearings also would have looked into his personal life, particularly his business dealings in the years since he left government.

Mr. Inman seemed confident, even in stepping down, that he could have ridden out the effects of his failure to pay Social Security taxes on a baby sitter be employed - charges similar to those that sank nominations at the start of the Clinton administration.

His record would certainly have come under

close congressional scrutiny regarding his role on the board of directors at a Pennsylvania defense contractor, International Signal & Control. After the company was purchased in 1989 by Ferranti International PLC, a British defense contractor, it was accused by its new owners of siphoning off millions of dollars from

Pentagon contractors.

Mr. Inman said his decision to withdraw was a consequence of a fractious climate in Washington that would hamper his hopes of making major changes in defense policy. He mentioned the personal attacks on Mr. Clinton, along with the threat of similar attacks being directed at

Mr. Inman had been chosen as a bipartisan specialist whose position at the Pentagon would bolster the Clinton administration's credibility in managing foreign policy and defense issues. His abrupt refusal to go forward will prolong the impression of a vacuum in defense policy-making and add to the list of misjudgments on high-level personnel that have dogged the Clinion administration.

Mr. Clinton was hoping for renewed stature as a result of just-completed summit meetings with European leaders and with the Russian president, Boris N. Yeltsin, Mr. Inman said that be bad delayed the announcement of his withdrawal so as not to spoil prospects for the In his letter to Mr. Clinton. Mr. Inman said.

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## Japan to Accept Foreign Bids

By Paul Blustein

Washington Post Service
TOKYO — The Japanese government ap proved on Tuesday a plan for opening up bidding on major public works projects to all qualified companies, including foreign ones, responding both to widespread disgust at home over corruption in the construction industry and to the threat of American sanctions.

The plan, given backing by the cabinet of Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa, provides a detailed blueprint for implementing Tokyo's broad plodge of Oct. 26 to introduce open. competitive bidding on public works.

in an apparent coincidence. Tokyo prosecu-tors arrested on Tuesday two officials of Obayashi Corp., a construction company. The two are suspected of paying a 10 million yen (\$90,000) bribe in 1992 to the then-mayor of the northern city of Sendai. The executives were the latest of more than 30 people who have been arrested on suspicion of swapping cash for

contracts. (Page 15)
Tokyo's Oct. 26 pledge came as a U.S. sanctions deadline loomed. At that time, Washington hailed the move as historic, but said it wanted to see the details, and postponed the sanctions deadline for nearly three months.

In Washington, a spokesman for Mickey Kantor, the U.S. trade representative, said Mr. Kantor was studying the plan and would announce Thursday whether Washington approved of it or would go ahead with sanctions. A Foreign Ministry official went out of his way to rebut suggestions that Tokyo was acting

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## Bosnia Rivals Reopen Talks, but They Fall Apart Fast

GENEVA — The Bosnian peace negotiations fell into shambles bere Tuesday, with Serbs and Muslims accusing each other of rejecting the proposed outlines for a settlement and of preparing to make war instead

The talks, resumed after a monthlong break in which the fighting in Bosnia steadily escalated, seemed to be headed for a total breakdown, threatening to touch off the worst round of fighting since the bloodiest conflict in post-World War II Europe began 21

Early Tuesday morning David Owen, one of two international mediators in the talks, said that prospects for success were "not very high." Thorvald "has never been less conducive" to a settlement.

Stoltenberg, the other mediator, said the atmosphere A spokesman for the conference said it was still uncertain whether it would be possible to hold a agreement.

plenary session bringing together all the participants, including President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia and President Franjo Tudjman of Croatia

Mr. Milosevie said Tuesday he had reached no understanding in his talks with the president and prime minister of Bosnia, calling them "one endless discussion" and complaining "there are always new

The Muslim-led Bosnian government came to this latest round of ocgoniations bolstered by a string of military successes against both Serbian and Croatian forces and visibly more confident of its military position than ever before.

Radovan Karadzic, the leader of the self-proclaimed Serbian state in Bosnia-Herzegovina, said the Bosnian government was insisting that territories with Muslim majorities seized by the Serbs and "ethnically cleansed" had to be returned as part of any peace

The Bosnian Serbs, who have lost ground for the would still keep 52 percent, and the Croats would be first time to several counteroffensives launched by the Bosnian Army since November, arrived here with a warning from Mr. Karadzic that if there was no agreement "we shall have to prepare for all-out war." Mr. Karadzic said he saw only "a very small chance" for any agreement here.

It was almost immediately evident that neither the Bosnian Serbs nor the Muslim-led Bosnian government delegation was really ready to make the kind of compromises that will be necessary to obtain an

The Serbs came to the talks with a revised map for their proposed partition of Bosnia into three ethnically based independent states that would give the Muslims exactly 33.56 percent of the country.

This would meet at least on paper the demand set forth by the European Union that the Muslims be given at least one third of the total territory. The Serbs

Even before the two delegations had met to discuss the Serbian map, Mohammed Sacirbey, the Bosnian government spokesman, rejected it, saying the land being offered to the Muslims was not viable. Mr. Sacurbey also asserted that the United Nations

and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization were not lending their support to help achieve a peace settlement. He said that the postponement of the use of force to open the airport at Tulza and extricate its troops from Srebrenica, ordered by the UN secretarygeneral, Butros Butros Ghali, was "not very helpful." Mr. Sacirbey called the decision to further study the use of force, which was announced Monday, further evidence that the UN secretariat held the position

that the status quo is the best way to proceed."

-DAVID B. OTTAWAY

## Sowing Uncertainty In Eastern Europe

By David B. Ottaway

Washington Past Service
GENEVA — The U.S. diplomatic offensive in Eastern Europe left behind unanswered questions about whether American policy toward the region will move beyond rhetorical sympathy for its eco-

nomic and security concerns.

After some early complaining, the U.S. proposal of a Partnership for Peace offering limited military cooperation with NATO was em-braced by the leaders of the eight East European and Balkan nations

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visited by President Bill Clinton orhis envoy, Madeleine K. Albright, the U.S. representative to the Unitcd Nations.

But this was mostly because the U.S. plan, together with Mr. Clinton's presence in Prague and Am-bassador Albright's 11-day tour of the region, offered these desperately insecure nations the first signs of

attention from Washington.
Their leaders were delighted to hear Mr. Clinton and Mrs. Albright repeatedly say that their security was of "direct and material interest" to the United States.

Yet, oo one in the Albright delegation was ready to explain exactly what that means, it was carefully crafted as a substitute for the words "security guarantees" — which NATO and the United States want to avoid as they develop a new relationship with these countries.

Meanwhile, the actual aid offers from Mr. Clinton and Mrs. Albright were noticeably modest primarily of indirect technical support of regional cooperative pro-

Neither was there any hint of U.S. loans or grants to the countries bordering on Serbia. Their economies have taken a battering because of the cut in trade and transportation links with Serbia in

#### France Recalls **UN Commander**

PARIS — France announced on Tuesday that General Jean Cot, the outspoken United Nations commander in former Yugoslavia, will return home at the end of March. A Defense Ministry statement

said France had asked that General Cot, who has disagreed openly with the United Nations secretary-gen-eral, Butros Butros Ghali, over policy in Bosnia, be replaced by another French general.

Diplomatic sources said Mr. Butros Ghali demanded the general's removal when he met President François Mitterrand in Paris on Jan. 8. The commander had publicly criticized the UN chief's refusal to empower him to order air strikes.

Diplomats said the French were upset at Mr. Butros Ghali's public reprimend last week of General Cot, the latest in a growing list of senior military commanders who have left in disagreement with the UN's caution in Bosnia. On Jan. 4, the Belgian general in charge of UN forces in Bosnia, Lieutenant General Francis Briquemont, was withdrawn from his post.

General Cot was named UN commander in the former Yugoslavia in July for a one-year term.



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tions that were imposed to punish Belgrade for its support of Serbian ssion in Bosnia.

The United States has set aside what additional foreign aid it can muster for Russia, limiting its "material support" if not its "material interest" to indirect economic as-

increase, from \$50 million to \$200 million, in insurance coverage offered to investors by the Overseas Private Investment Corp. and a \$50 million private enterprise fund for

lending institutions to finance highway projects to facilitate the passage around Serbia of commercial traffic between the Middle East and Western Europe.

program offered the Eastern na-tions in lieu of NATO membership, Mrs. Albright and General John M. Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who accompanied her on part of her tour, said countries that want to take part will have to make a major effort on their own before it benefits them.

seven years after the death of Franco before Spain was allowed to join From the Balkans the pact. It is likely to take at least as long before any of the East Euro-

> equipment, training and command structures are of Soviet origin, and Hungary and Slovakia have just obtained more planes from Russia. The lack of compatibility of their weapons and armies with those of NATO poses obstacles to effective

pressed East Europeans is that NATO expects them to pay their own costs for exercises.

To the complaints of Hungary, Bulgaria and Romania — and their requests to the United Nations for hillions of dollars in compensation Mrs. Albright answered only that upholding the sanctions is the duty of all good UN and potential

security concerns in the region.

do about Bosnia was a reminder to these countries that neither the United States nor the alliance of-

pean nations gains membership.

cooperation, according to U.S. offi-

It also became clearer, as Mrs. Albright's trip progressed, that the threat of Russia's "imperialistic tendencies," as Foreign Minister Teodor Melescann of Romania phrased it, was just one of many

Yet the squabbling at the NATO conference in Brussels over what to

Mrs. Albright did announce an

But mostly her offers were of U.S. technical assistance in helping countries obtain loans and funds from the World Bank and other

As for the Partnership for Peace

A U.S. official noted that it was

For one thing their military

Another problem for the hard-

Citizens of Sarajevo lining up Tuesday as snow fell at a Red Cross food kitchen. Conditions for survival in Bosnia are worsening daily.

#### Belgian Leader **Vote Likely on Golan Heights** was a lack of public support. And it peace talks with Syria in Washing-could help him in his battle with ton oext week.

New York Times Service

JERUSALEM - Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin warned Israelis have filled the country with banon Tuesday that peace with Syria ners proclaiming that he has no might require them to pay a more "painful price" than they had expected in territorial concessions on the Golan Heights. If that turns out to be the case,

Mr. Rabin said his government would call for a national referendum on the issue, which is unprecedented in Israel. The proposal, first mentioned by

one of his lieutenants on Monday, stirred a sharp public debate Tues-Within the government, some ministers said they preferred full elections, a position echoed by the rightist opposition. Other cabinet members were quoted as saying that the peace talks could be under-

mined if future public opinion was made a paramount factor at this But some political commentators

advantage in several ways.
It could help him fend off Syrian demands for enormous concessions

argued that the specter of a popular rote could work to Mr. Rabin's

mandate to give away any part of Mr. Rabin offered no hint about what might qualify as a painful price on the Golan Heights, the strategic plateau that Israel had

anti-government protesters who

captured from Syria in the 1967 To many Israelis, any compromise is too much. The prime minister himself with the prime minister himself with the prime minis-

Hafez Assad of Syria that he get it continue oegotiations." all back. But a full return of the Golan Response Surprises Syria Heights is Mr. Assad's price for

oot before uttered in public.

Saudis Near a Deal on Slowing U.S. Arms Payments

He said that he had expected

more in terms of straightforward statements from the Syrian leader about whether his concept of peace matches Israel's demands for open borders, embassies and trade. Publiciy at least, Israeli officials are far less rosy about the Geneva meeting than cavoys from the Clinton adcappined from Syria in the 1907 ministration, who came here and Middle East war, but be said that a described Mr. Assad as having bro-"significant withdrawal" could ken new ground with a "strategic mean uprooting some of the three choice" to come quickly to terms

ter himself, while saying he was ready to give up land, has repeated for rejected demands from President make do because of the oeed to

"We're surprised by the contrapeace with Israel. After meeting dictory reactions in Israel," Mr. with President Bill Clinton in Ge-Shara said, Reuters reported from neva on Sunday, he said that in Amman, Jordan. "We were expectexchange for that, he was ready for ing a big welcome to what was normal relations, words that he had announced in the wake of the summit between the two presidents. In-Grudgingly, Mr. Rabin said stead of that we are hearing state-Tuesday that he would accept those meets oo a refereedum and by using the argument that there remarks as a basis for resuming demands for more."

### Tries to Cut Off 'Hate' Call-Ins

Reutes BRUSSELS - Prime Min-ister Jean-Luc Dehaene has taken legal action to stop a telephone "hate line" that urges callers to rob his home and shoot him because of his

austerity policies.

A spokeswoman for Mr. Dehacne szid Tucsday the prime minister had filed a complaint with a public prosecutor over the phone line, which is described as "Dehaene is robbing you, shoot Dehaene." She said the prosecutor in Antwerp was investi-

The premium rate, interactive phone line starts off by encouraging callers to push a zero on the phone to show their lack of esteem for the prime minister, who recently announced a stringent auster-

After that, the caller is taken by sound to the prime minister's home in a Brussels suburb and is then encouraged to press the asterisk to activate the noise of a gun.

#### to build a new center-right movement. Athens Seeks Arts Probe of Ex-Leader

ATHENS (Reuters) — Culture Minister Melina Mercouri said Tuesday she would ask a public prosecutor to investigate whether former Prime Minister Constantine Mitsotakis had legally acquired some of his

WORLD BRIEFS

ROME (NYT) - With little more than two months before national

elections, Italy's beleaguered Christian Democratic Party yielded on

Tuesday to the political changes sweeping the country and gave itself a new name, new leaders and, it hopes, a new chance to salvage some of its former power base, torn by the scandals that have reat the country.

The leadership of the party, which effectively controlled Italian politics

since the country's emergence from World War II, announced that it would now be called the Italian Popular Party.

on Tuesday a sizable minority resistant to the changes broke away and set

up a splinter party called the Christian Democratic Center. To them, the

new party fails to present a unified front against the threat of a left-led

victory in elections to be held March 27-28, and they have vowed to ally themselves with conservative forces like the separatist Northern League

The changes must still be approved by a party congress Samrday. And

Christian Democrats Adjust in Italy

hinge antiquities collection.

"According to our investigation a number of items now belonging to Mr. Mitsotakis were acquired from illegal diggings." Miss Mercouri said at a news conference. She said archaeologists examined Mr. Mitsotakis's collection in his house on Crete and found that a number of items were from graves that had been robbed.

"The time Mr. Mitsotakis declared the findings coincided with the time that the graves were robbed," Miss Mercouri said. "It is an atrocity that a former prime minister could have stolen from ancient graves along with common robbers." Mr. Mitsotakis was prime minister from 1990 to 1993.

#### U.K. Expels 3 Neo-Nazis After Clash

LONDON (AFP) - Two Belgian neo-Nazis and a German one were given 24 hours to leave Britain on Tuesday after being convicted of provoking clashes with anti-racism demonstrators in London. The Beigians, Steve Circk, 22, and Eddy Vamyckeghem, 28, and the German, Stefan Johannsen, 29, were charged with threatening behavior and criminal damage. Two Britons accused with them were released on

The clashes occurred after neo-Nazis from across Europe arrived for a concert Saturday by a skinhead band in a pub in London's East End. The concert was canceled by the police after anti-Nazi demonstrators turned out to protest. A policeman suffered head wounds, and several demon-strators were hart when the two sides fought. Three French rightists in possession of bicycle chains were released after questioning.

#### Ex-Bulgaria Leader Heads for Prison

SOFIA (Reuters) — Bulgaria's former Communist dictator, Todor Zhivkov, is to go to prison after the Supreme Court on Tuesday rejected his appeal against a sentence of seven years for embezzlement, the BTA news agency said.

"My lawyer has not contacted me yet and I do not know what the legal procedures are, but if I have to go to prison I will," Mr. Zhivkov said. The agency said the sentence by the five-member court was effective immediately.

Mr. Zhivkov, who ruled for 35 years until he was removed in 1989, was sentenced last year for stealing 21.5 million levs (then about \$24 million) in public funds. The charges involved the purchase of hunry apartments and Western cars and distribution of entertainment allowances for his

#### Yemen Claims Attack From South

SAN'A, Yemen (Remers) - The Yemeni president's political party said Tuesday that planes from the south had bombed a northern mi

A southern officer denied the charge, leveled on the same day as rival parties signed an accord aimed at resolving a six-month dispute that has threatened to split the 1990 union between the former North and South Yemen. The armed forces of the formerly Marxist south and the conser-

vative north have yet to integrate.

The General People's Congress led by President Ali Abdulish Saleh said a MiG warplane belonging to their southern rivals raided a military unit close to the old border on Monday evening.

#### UN Envoys to Visit Timorese Rebel

JAKARTA (Reuters) - Two United Nations envoys met with Indonesian officials on Tuesday to discuss ending the long-running conflict over East Timor, officials said.

The officials said the two envoys, Francesco Vendrell and Taimat Samuel, would visit a jailed Timorese guerrilla leader, Jose Xanana Gusmão, but they dealed media reports that he might be released as part of a reconciliation process.

The visit, which will include a trip to the former Portuguese colony of East Timor, is part of UN-brokered talks between Lisbon and Jakarta. Indonesian forces invaded the territory in 1975 after Portugal withdrew. Most countries do not recognize Jakarta's claim to the area and the United Nations considers Lisbon the territory's administering authority.

#### No Charge for Girl in Faked Attack

BERLIN (Reuters) — No charges will be brought against a handicapped German schoolgid accused of inventing a story about neo-Nazis carving a swastika into her face, a state prosecutor said Tuesday.

The 17-year-old girl, identified as Elke J., was questioned earlier about the alleged incident, which caused a nationwide uproar last week, but will not be charged with faking a crime, said the Saxony-Anhalt state prosecutor, Jürgen Hossfeld.

"The investigation against Elke J. has been discontinued," he said.
"The reason for this is that the girl was and is psychologically conspicuous." The girl led police on a fatile manhant for three skinheads last week after telling anthorities that they had cut the Nazi emblem into her cheek after she refused to repeat fascist slogans. The maximum penalty for faking a crime is three years in prison.

## TRAVEL UPDATE

#### Danes Stop Work on Sweden Link

COPENHAGEN (Reuters) — Denmark announced Tuesday that it would stop work on a bridge and tunnel project to link Denmark with Sweden after Stockholm put off a final decision on starting construction. The stoppage mainly affects a planned railroad line and land expropriations on the Danish side of the Oresund Strait. On Thursday, Sweden postponed a decision, saying more environmental checks were needed. Prime Minister Poul Nyrup Rasmussen of Denmark said the work would be put off pending "definite clarification" from Sweden.

Virgin Atlantic Airways has begun talks with Air New Zealand on international flight and cooperation about routes, Virgin's marketing

airport to close for the second straight day. TAP-Air Portugal canceled all scheduled flights to and from the Portuguese island, about 800 kilometers (500 miles) southwest of Lisbon.

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By Eric Schmitt

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — In a plan that carries broad implications for U.S. foreign policy and military in-dustry, Saudi Arabia is oearing tration, which has vowed to help agreement with five of the biggest U.S. military contractors to stretch out \$10 billion in payments due over the oext two years.

Dropping oil prices and Saudi Arabia's general financial decline since the end of the Gulf War in 1991 have left Riyadh short of cash and in the unusual position of needing more time to pay for an array of tanks, missiles and fighter jets. More than \$20 billion in arms

U.S. military contractors, suffer-

say the situation has put the con-tractors and the Clinton adminisprotect the military industry, in the awkward position of wielding little leverage over the Saudis, because the companies and the economy need the sales so badly. "The Americans have no other alternative," said a Gulf state am-bassador. "The Saudis are such big

tating impact on the battered U.S.

aerospace industry.
Industry and Pentagon officials

clients, they can set the terms." On Friday, the Saudi ambassa-dor to Washington, Prince Bandar ibn Sultan, met with the director of foreign military sales in the Defeose Department, Lieutenant General Thomas Rhame, who serves as a middleman, to discuss

the cootractors — McDonoell week in an interview with The Wall offered to delay deliveries of weap-Douglas. General Dynamics. Street Journal. ons and reduce the cost of spare Douglas, General Dynamics. Raytheon Co., FMC Corp., and the Hughes Aircraft division of General Motors.

Senior Saudi officials have assured U.S. officials that they have no plans to cancel any orders or delay the deliveries of weapons on order. After overcoming years of resistance from lawmakers who opposed the sale of advanced weapons to Riyadh because such a step could threaten Israel's security, administration officials say the Saudis are as eager to buy the weapons as the contractors are to sell them.
"We would like to do three things: maintain the overall ourn-

ber of equipment purchased, main-

tain overall dollar value, and work on a schedule of payments that

Industry executives and Pentagon officials said the Saudis and

tors in 1994 and the same amount in 1995. The contractors would cover the remaining cost of the weapons by taking out loans backed by the Saudi government. Saudi government totally dependent on foreign sales

and interest costs. Saudi Arabia owes about \$4.1

parts purchases, but the Saudis have been adamant about sticking

military contractors had reached a tentative plan.

Riyadh would pay a total of \$1.5 billion in cash to the five contractors had reached a tentative plan.

The companies in better financial shape like Hughes, General Dynamics, and FMC could do the financing and are prepared to do The Sandis would repay all fees now. No one, though, wants to see production lines go down - that

means workers and jobs." billion for arms payments this year and \$6 billion in 1995, meaning volved in the discussions because, that the contractors would have to when foreign countries buy weapfinance about \$7 billion over the ons through the Pentagon, they put oext two years. The contractors money in a foreign military sales would borrow enough to keep production lines open at the minimum enough to cover cancellation fees ing from dwindling new Pentagon serves as a middleman, to discuss orders, are increasingly dependent on sales to foreign customers to help offset the decline. Large-scale cancellations could have a devasting dependent on sales to foreign customers to help offset the decline. Large-scale cancellations could have a devasting dependent on a schedule of payments that doesn't hurt our partners and friends in the U.S. defense-industrial complex and in the labor force," Prince Bandar said last to financing, the companies have they finish their work.

Austrian Airlines will start daily flights to the Slovene capital, Ljubljana, on March 27. The airline has concentrated on building a network in Eastern Europe, using Vienna as a gateway.

director said. Nearly a thousand travelers were stranded on Madeira on Tuesday as: winds of 100 kilometers (about 60 miles) an hour forced Santa Catarina

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#### Grand Jury Delves Deeper on Clinton Venture

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WASHINGTON - A federal grand jury in Little Rock, Arkansas, was reconvening Tuesday to begin a critical new phase in the investigation of ties between President Bill Chinton, an Ackansas land development company and the owner of a failed Arkansas

For the first time, the panel is expected to hear from several central witnesses, including Mr. Clinton's former business partner, and weigh potentially pivotal evidence from boxes of documents the White House was ordered to mrn over to government prosecutors in

The White House files, shipped to Little Rock under FBI guard, relate to an investment in Whitewater Development Co., the real estate concern in which the Clintons were partners with James B. McDougal, the owner of Madison Guaranty, a savings and loan taken over by federal regulators in 1989. Mr. McDougal has been ordered to appear before the grand jury later this week. Other Clinton associates have also been subpoensed, including Betsey Wright, who was Clinton's chief of staff when he was governor and who supervised campaign finance records.

Justice Department investigators are trying to determine whether Madison funds were improperly diverted to Whitewater to help Mr. Clinton repay a \$50,000 loan for his 1984 campaign for governor. Mr. Clinton has said he engaged in no wrongdoing and that he and his wife, Hillary, lost mency in the Whitewater investment.

As U.S. prosecutors seek to understand the financial relationships between the Clinton and Mr. Mency in the Whitewater investment.

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between the Clintons and Mr. McDongal, Attorney General Janet Reno was preparing to name an independent prosecutor quickly to take over the inquiry into the president's Arkansas land dealings.

The search for a special counsel appears to be a complicated task.

as Ms. Reno's aides sift through the records of prospective candidates to avoid any who might be perceived as partisan. (NYT)

#### **Panel Formed to Document Radiation Tests**

WASHINGTON - President Clinton established on Tuesday an advisory committee to help his administration uncover the secrets of government radiation tests on humans during the Cold War. An executive order signed by Mr. Clinton formed the Advisory Committee on Human Radiation Experiments but named no mem-

bers. The 15-member panel will provide "advice and recommenda-tions" to the Human Radiation Interagency Working Group estab-lished on Jan. 3 by Mr. Clinton. The group includes the secretaries of energy, defense, health and human services, and veterans affairs as well as the directors of the CIA and Office of Management and

Budget.

A White House statement said that the advisory group would be made up of experts in medicine, science and ethics.

Up to 800 people were exposed to radiation in tests during the Cold War, and many of them apparently were not fully informed of the risks, U.S. government officials say. (AP)

Quote/Unquote Bobby Ray Inman, the Texas businessman who held-top national security jobs in both Republican and Democratic administrations. on why he stepped aside as President Chinton's nominee for defense secretary: "I sensed elements in the media and the political leadership of the country who would rather disparage or destroy reputations than work to effectively govern the country."

## Loving Challenges,' Harriman Takes On the French

#### By Alan Riding

New York Times Service PARIS -- As an early backer of Bill Clinton's and fund-raiser-cum-cheerleader for many other prominent Democrats, Pamela Harriman had no need to convince Washington of her political savvy and clout. When she was named American ambassador to Paris. though, the French were quite nervous.

The stories that preceded her arrival in May focused ss on her role as a Washington powerbroker and friend of Mr. Clinton's than on the rich and powerful men who had shaped her extraordinary life. Even in the large American colony here, eyebrows were raised.

Was it not odd for the United States to be represented by a 73-year-old British-born aristocrat who was married briefly to Winston Churchill's son, Randolph, and later married and widowed by Leland Hayward, the Broadway producer, and by Averell Harriman, the former diplomat and governor of New York? Granted, the plum Paris post has often gone to

campaign contributors, but was a woman known for presiding over glittering political evenings in her Georgetown home really equipped to run 3 huge embassy, negotiate complex economic topics, and handle the French?

Indeed, in barely seven months, Mrs. Harriman has convinced the French and Americans that she is after

all the right woman for the job. "If I'd had time to "We presume she sent the right messages with the right think about it in depth. I'd have probably been too analysis. We all know she has a direct line to the White the Place de la Concorde.

"Obviously, this is the biggest challenge I've ever had," adding, "I love challenges."

The role of ambassador to France is not easy to agencies. At the same time, relations between Washington and Paris are so complex that important issues are often handled directly by the two governments.

Almost from the moment she arrived in France Mrs. Harriman was drawn into the growing battle between the United States and France over the GATT trade talks. At loggerheads over farm and audiovisual trade. the two sides had reached rare levels of irritation.

"I was a sort of messenger going back and forth," she said of the final tense weeks of bargaining, "ex-plaining to Washington why the French think and argue the way they do and also in the other direction, telling the French why our farmers are just as important to us as theirs are to them."

The French were soon persuaded to take her seri-"She was very helpful," a Foreign Ministry official said after the trade package was old up last month.

scared to take the post," she said in her office beside House, and this is very important. She has weight."

For Mrs. Harriman, her Washington contacts are also a key asset, not only because she can telephone Mr. Clinton when necessary (although she refused to say how often she does so), but also because she can define. It involves presiding over a staff of 1,100 that includes representatives of 20 different government poliocians. "One of the things I've been trying to do is poliocians. "One of the things I've been trying to do is to explain to the French the power of Congress," she

> The talents she developed in Washingtoo running her own political action committee - "putting people together, maintaining dialogue, keeping channels open," as an embassy staffer put it — have proved useful in Paris, with dinner invitations to her residence now prized by French decision-makers and American

> "We love glamorous people," a French government official said with a laugh. "And her past, well, for us

that's a sign of vitality. Then there is her art collection, with every visitor eager to see Van Gogh's "White Roses" as well as works by Picasso, Matisse, Cezanne, and others.

"But what I find most useful is that I can speak their language," Mrs. Harriman said of her meetings with the French.

Nor does it do her any harm that she can tell wartime stories about meeting de Gaulle during his visits to No. 10 Downing Street, where she was living

with her in-laws, the Churchills.

"You should see the faces of young Gaullists when she says, 'When I had dinner with General de Gaulle, he said." an embassy official noted.

What appears to have become a conissue is that she is the first woman to head the Paris U.S. Embassy, which also has women in its second and third top posts. "I think in fact the Europeans are more polite to women than perhaps we are at home," she said. So, Mrs. Harriman was asked, has she somehow

"I think I'm so used to it," she said in an American accent that does not disguise its British origins. "Tve had lots of stages in my life. You try and adapt to everyone that comes down the pike. Now I'm trying to do what I'm doing to the best of my ability. So I concentrate on today and tomorrow.

In her case, though, that still means doing two jobs. She is now preparing for Mr. Clinton's first official visit to France in June to mark the 50th anniversary of

the Allied landings in Normandy. But she is also determined out to be forgotten in

"The habits of 20 years don't change, you know," she said. "Anyway, I'm going back in a few years."

## Mexican Rebels Plead For a Cutoff of U.S. Aid

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southern Mexico are urging President Bill Clinton not to provide population of the southern state of U.S. aid that they say would be Chiapas. used by the government to fight their efforts.

"Do not stain your hands with our blood in complicity with the Mexican government," the rebels and Congress dated Thursday.

The letter, which said it was ican oewspapers.

The statement from the Zapatista National Liberation Army oot being used in combat, said U.S. aid granted to Mexico for But a U.S. official, who southeastern Mexico."

It said troops, planes and com- unrelated to the fighting.

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS for the government's campaign CASAS, Mexico — Rebels from against drug traffickers were in-

"We have oothing to do with drug trafficking or with oational or international terrorism," the statement said. "We have grown tired by so many years of cheating and pleaded in a letter to Mr. Clinton death, It is our right to fight for our lives with dignity."

On Saturday, the newspaper La among a series of statements made Jornada reported that the U.S. gov-public Monday through three Mexsurances from Mexican officials that U.S.-supplied helicopters were

But a U.S. official, who was oot the war against drugs was being identified, was quoted as saying the used "to assassinate Indians in Americans were told the belicop-

#### **Away From Politics**

· The trial of Lorena Bobbitt, who is accused of cutting off her husband's penis, resumed Tuesday after a three-day recess. A court official in Manassas, Virginia, said the jury of seven women and five

A 13-year-old girl shot a cab diver to death to avoid paying a 36-fare the bolice in West ain Beach, Florida, said. The beinager was early calm during questioning. Sergeant John English said. "No tears just cold," he said. "We're talking about coldblooded, premeditated murder committed by a 13-year-old girl who shows no remorse. It's frightening."

A snow covered roof collegeed on an spartment complex swimming pool, killing a 14-year-old boy, according to the police in Middlefield, Ohio. A 6-year-old cousin was trapped in the water but was rescued, they said. The town is in a region that has received up to three feet (about a meter) of snow since late December;

• A 91-year-old woman who was found frozen into an incl-thick layer of ice on the floor of her unheated house was rescued by Chicago police. Officers said they found the woman kneeling in a "praying position" with her legs encased by ice. "We thought she was just irozen dead until we talked to her and she mumbled something," a police spokesman said. He said the ice was formed by water leaking

from broken pipes. A tractor-trailer rig careened into gasoline names Tuesday at a convenience store near Corrigan, Texas, and set off an explosion that killed at least four people.

Members of the rebel Zapatista National Liberation Army, which is battling Mexico's government, staking out a southeastern jungle.

## A Male Bastion Takes a Legal Hit in College Admissions Case

WASHINGTON - Chief Jus-

tice William H. Rehnquist cleared fied single-gender admissions poli-the way Tuesday for Shannon R. cy that has defined its institutional Faulkner to become the first wom- mission and persona since its porary stay. an to attend day classes with cadets founding.

Justice Rehnquist, without comment, set aside a temporary stay be, had imposed on Jan. 12, a day before Ms. Faulkner was to have begun her academic career at the state-supported college in Charleston, South Carolina.

Ms. Faulkner's lawsuit challeng-ing the college's males-only admission policy has oever been taken to trial. A federal judge and the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals had ordered The Citadel to admit Ms. Faulkner for day classes while the iceal case continued.

yers for The Citadel said it was being forced to abandon a "justi-

They said Ms. Faulkner's attendance at daytime classes would cause irreparable harm because a males-only environment "is essential to The Citadel's holistic educa-

Lawyers for Ms. Faulkner con-tended that the college's request was "based on emotion, not fact or

"Faced with the complete absence of any evidence that one woman will destroy its cadet stu-dents, The Citadel at heart seeks merely to preserve its long-stand-ing tradicion of excluding qualified In the college's 35-page emergency request to the chief justice, law-der," Ms. Faulkner's lawyers said.

The Cliotoo administration, which had sided with Ms. Fanikner in the lower courts, argued against the lower courts, argued against the lower courts, argued against the lower courts. The Cliotoo administration, there high school transcript. But the limit the benefits paid to some welfare recipients who have lived in the state for less than six mooths. extending Justice Rebnquist's tem- then sued, contending that the

Ms. Faulkner, 18, was accepted tection rights. ences to her gender deleted from turned back an attempt to let states and their right to travel.

The court, without comment, left let stand without comment a ruling school had violated her equal-prointact rulings that a Minnesota law that California officials had illegalimposing such limits violated new ly withheld state employees' pay in residents' equal-protection right 1990 when the state began a new fiscal year without a budget

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#### **AMERICAN TOPICS**

#### Dallas, No Cowtown, Gets Cattle Sculpture

The motto of Fort Worth, Texas, is "Where the West Begins." Its citizens are fond of saying that Dallas, 30 miles (about 50 kilometers) east, is "where the East peters out." But Dallas, on a 42-acre (1.7-meters) described in 10t. is hectare) downtown plot, is erecting a 19th-century cattle drive in bronze, with 70 larger-

The sculptor is Robert Summers, who hails from the Fort Worth area. He created the hage bronze statue of John Wayne at the airport of the same name in Orange County, California.

than-life steers and three trail

Promoters of the \$9 million, privately funded project say that when it is completed next year, it will become the city's Signature tourist attraction. But numerous detractors point out that Dallas, unlike Fort Worth, Was dever a cowtown.

While some cattle roamed along the Shawnee Trail through Dallas for a few years in the mid-1800s, the far more important Chisholm Trail passed through the heart of Fort Worth Dalles grew up as a mercantile city. It does have the Cowboys of professional football — but that name was adopted 30 years ago over loud

local objections.

A sculptor, William Easley, suggested that a sculpture of a herd of lawyers, bankers and insurance men stampeding through town" would have been more appropriate.

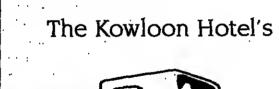
Short Takes One of the heroes of the Oki West being honored in a new stamp issue is Bill Picken, a son

of former slaves. He became famous by wrestling bulls to the ground in Wild West shows. But members of the family say the stamp, already printed and due to be issued in March, depicts not Bill Pickett but his brother, Ren. Historians agree. Redoing the stamp, part of a sheet of 20 Western betoes that include "Buffalo Bill" Cody, Annie Oakley and Wyatt Earp, would cost \$1.2 million. Postmaster General Marvin T, Run-yon is considering what to do.

Applications to the 84 U.S. women's colleges are up 14 percent since 1991, a 20-year high, The New York Times reports. Enrollment is at a 14-year high of 98,000, up from 82,500 in 1981, according to the Women's College Coalition in Washing-mn. The reasons include conand a widespread belief that parity with men in coeducation-al schools is yet to be attained, academic experts say. They also cite the fact that Hillary Rodham Clinton, who has become a role model for women, is an ahuma of all-female Wellesley College in Massachusetts.

The Hig Bang is still the Hig Bang, The Washington Post re-ports. Last year Sky & Tele-acope magazine drew 13,099 en-tries for a contest to give a more impressive name to the theoretical moment the universe was created: But none - including The Trip from Zip, Spark in the Dark and Cosmogenesis—sat-isfied the jury, which is com-posed of Innothy Ferrix, a Uni-versity of California assumment; High Downs, the television notable; and Carl Sagan, who writes books about the cosmos. The winner is -no one," Mr. Ferris announced. "None can surpass the term Big Bang" — even though that was a half-humorous 1950 invention by the astronomer Fred Hoyle.

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By Clay Chandler Washington Post Service

tary Lloyd Bentsen said Tuesday that the U.S. government had moved closer to a decision to lift its 19-year trade and investment em-

Mr. Bentsen, speaking at a meet-ing of Thai business leaders in Bangkok, praised the Vietnamese government for assisting in efforts to determine whether Americans taken prisoner during the Vietnam War remained in that country.

The caose of his visit to week that the embargo no longer served a meaningful purpose and was only huring U.S. companies. denied business opportunities in

"The progress is there and I'm optimistic we'll get that finally behind us," he said at news conference later in the day. "Some of us older fellows think you ought to move these things and get it done. We've seen a lot of cooperation coming out of Vietnam."

denied business opportunities in the region.

In his speech Tuesday, Mr. Bentser argued that the United States could do more to promote the search for possible prisoners of war by lifting the trade ban than it could by continuing to insist on greater cooperation as a prerequi-

Mr. Bentsen declined to speculate on a finetable for lifting the
ban. But in Jakarta on Monday, he
suggested normalization was intuen
"That decision has not been
made, but I think you'll see some
thing forthcoming quite soon."

MIAs from the war," he said.

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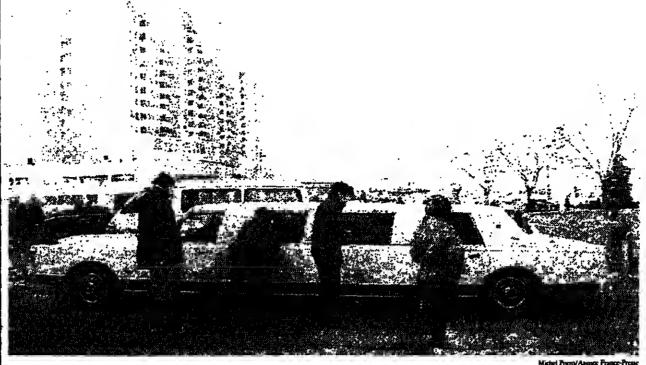
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BANGKOK — Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen said Thesday hat the U.S. government had noved closer to a decision to lift its 19-year trade and investment enterpolarity. Senator John F. Kerry, Democrat of Massachusetts and a member of the Foreign Relations subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific affairs, argued at the close of his visit to Vietnam last

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relations in the region, is the latest for President Bill Clinton, who was of several U.S. government officialized for his draft record.



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BELJING -- The president of the U.S. National Defense University met Tuesday with a top Chinese military official, one of the first fruits of the two countries' new military ties.

"These contacts now have gotten a new start,'
and hopefully they will increase from today,"

General Paul Cerjan as saying.

The United States halted military exchanges with China in 1989 after the Chinese Army used tanks and automatic weapons against studentled demonstrators for democracy in Beijing. In November, the Clinton administration ended

the China News Agency quoted Lieutenant the freeze, saying that the absence of contacts General Paul Cerjan as saying. the freeze, saying that the absence of contacts only bred suspicion and distrust.

General Cerjan is on a five-day tour of Chinese military installations in Beijing, Nanjing and Shanghai. The U.S. National Defense University in Washington trains senior officers

#### In U.K., Patten Hopes To Outflank His Critics

China Experts Who Opposed Reform Of Hong Kong Voting Face a Rebuff

Chris Patten is heading to London to defend his planned democratic reforms for Hong Kong against criocism from the China experts who once dominated British policy on the colony.

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Mr. Patten is likely to win cabinet backing to defy China and send a bill with his reforms to the colony's legislature. If so, it would be a rebuff to the Chinese-speaking dip-lomats who said confronting Beijing risked a backlash.

On Thursday, the governor is to appear before a parliamentary committee studying the problems that Hong Kong faces before its return to China in 1997, and on Monday he will be at a cabinet committee meeting on the subject.

Mr. Patten has presided over a policy reversal on Hong Kong Many of the China experts in the Foreign Office said he was playing with fire by dumping their policy of quiet diplomacy in favor of open confrontation with Beijing.

China has strongly criocized Mr. Patten's plan to widen the electoral franchise before 1997 without being consulted. Last month he faced an onslaught from fellow country-

HONG KONG — Governor China, Sir Percy Cradock,

Sir Percy, who negotiated the 1984 agreement to return Hong Kong to China, told the Foreign Affairs Committee that Britain would be "indefensibly reckless" if it carried out Mr. Patten's proposals unilaterally after the effective breakdown of talks.

Britain risked "a vicious back-lash" from China that could damage prospects for democracy and stability, said Sir Percy, a former ambassador in Beijing

China mounted verbal assaults on Mr. Patten in late 1992, when he proposed widening. Since then, the retaliation has mostly been passive, such as refusing to approve Imanc-ing plans for Hong Kong's new airport. Progress at talks on the transfer of sovereignty has slowed to a virtual halt.

But Mr. Patten, quoting high Communist officials, played down fears that Beijing might freeze Brit-ish companies out of lucrative con-

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## Chung II Kwon, Ex-Seoul Prime Minister, Dies

SEOUL - Former Prime Minister Chung Il Kwon, 77, of South Korea died of cancer Monday in

Mr. Chung had undergone treat-ment in Washington and Hawaii since he resigned as president of the Korea Freedom League in 1991.

States, foreign minister and prime dents, died Tuesday, apparent minister under the former military from a heart attack, reports said, strongman, Park Chung Hee in the 1960s and 1970s.

Moon Ik Hwan, 76, South Korean Dissident

ing the 1950-53 Korean War and served as amhassador to the United South Korea's best-known dissi-States, foreign minister and prime dents, died Tuesday, apparently

The Yonhap news agency said Mr. Moon, a Presbyterian minister and leading human rights activist, was arrested for visiting North Korea in 1989 and imprisoned under
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"Vierge" ("Virgin") in
ovel, "Le Voyage Nu"
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ked Journey"), in 1977.

Spanish playwright, died Thursday in Paris of AIDS. He wrote his main works in French, such as "Vierge" ("Virgin") in 1976 and a oovel, "Le Voyage Nu" ("The Na-

#### Butros Ghali Fires Reform-Minded American Official

UNITED NATIONS, New York — Secre-tary-General Butros Butros Ghali has fired Melissa Wells, the highest-ranking American administrator at the United Nations and the head

of an effort to reform the organization's ineffi-cient bureaucracy, UN officials said Tuesday. Mrs. Wells, 62, lost support of both the secretary-general and the U.S. mission here, the sources said, She clashed repeatedly with Mr. Botros Ghali in the 10 months since she took the job of undersecretary-general for adminis-

placing her in charge of the reform program also gave her responsibility for security, con-tracts and support services for peacekeeping

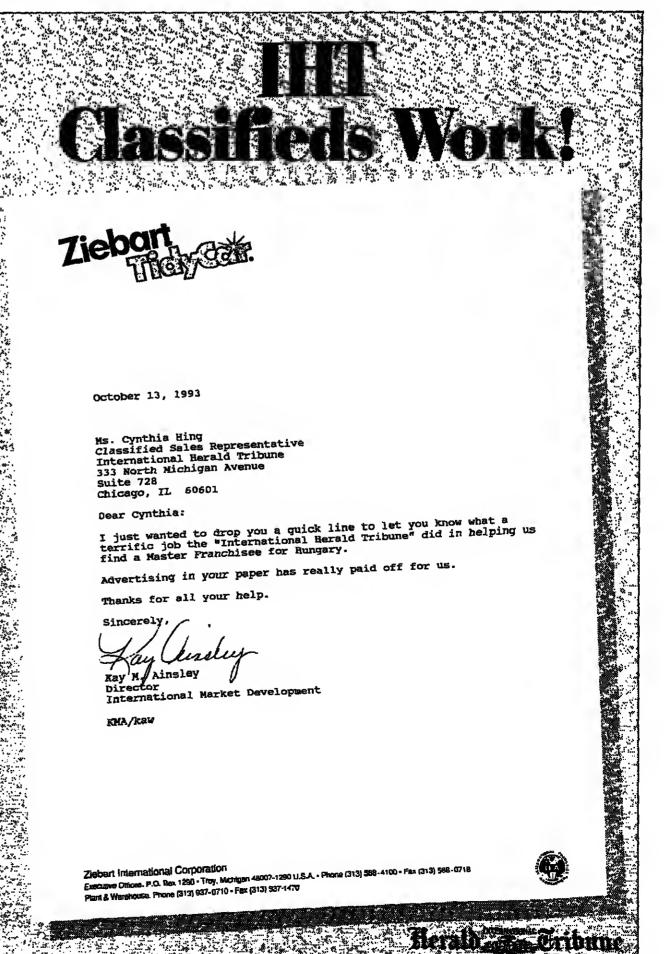
Her removal further delays a reform effort that has been hampered by a steady turnover of top officials. She was the sixth person in seven years to hold the top management post at the

In her highly politicized job, Mrs. Wells was caught between Mr. Butros Ghali, who is seeking to expand the organization's world role; the

which she managed; and the U.S. mission at the United Nations, which has been pressing to streamline the organization to satisfy an American Congress concerned about waste and fraud

Early this month, Jean-Claude Aimee, the secretary-general's chief of staff, formally asked the U.S. mission to withdraw Mrs. Wells, a career U.S. Foreign Service officer, when her one-year contract expires in April, sources said. But in a letter of resignation, Mrs. Wells said she would step down Feb. 17.

in the UN bureaucracy.



## **Fiscal Folly in Moscow**

On its face, Yegor Gaidar's departure from the Russian government is a blow to Boris Yeltsin and an embarrassment to Bill Clinton. Only last Friday in Moscow, President Clinton praised President Yeltsin for his commitment to economic reform, although he was apparently then aware that Mr. Gaidar, one of Russia's ablest reformers, was about to quit as first deputy prime minister. Citing profligate decisions taken without cabinet consultation, be gave a blunt farewell: "f cannot be at one and the same time in the government and in opposition to it."

A dramatic exit, certainly. But not yet a last bow for Mr. Gaidar, who bas quit, or threatened to quit, on previous occasions. Resignations are a way of forcing decisions, and one of the biggest facing Mr. Yeltsin is whether to continue on a ruinous inflationary course. The specific moves attacked by Mr. Gaidar illustrate the point: the earmarking of \$500 million for a lavish new parliamentary building, and, far more troubling, a proposed monetary union between Russia and insolvent Belarus.

The draft agreement with Belarus, adopted by the Yeltsin government without discuss provides that already weak rubles would be exchanged one for one for a still weaker currencv. worsening Russia's own monetary hemorrnage, it is the kind of decision that has made Viktor Gereshchenko, chairman of the Russian central bank, a symbol of incompetence. He has printed money chiefly to keep unproduc-tive factories affoat. So appalling has been his stewardship that Boris Fyodorov, the finance minister as well as a deputy prime minister, threatens to resign rather than serve with him.

To view these disputes as arguments over the pace of reform wholly misses the point. Runaway inflation sabotages any economic system, and the poorest are the biggest losers. Voters cannot eat worthless rubles. Unfairly if understandably, Mr. Gaidar's reformist party was punished in recent elections by frustrated ans who turned to ultranationalists.

Fiscal restraint is a precondition for any functioning economy, with or without reforms—a point underscored by Mr. Clinton and his economic team in their overtime talks last week. How Russia moves against byperinflation is first and foremost the job of the Russians themselves.

While not taking sides in Moscow's internal quarrels, Washington needs to keep pressing for an end to fiscal folly. Seen in this context, Mr. Gaidar's exit is a warning. If unheeded, it could presage a calamity. -THE NEW YORK TIMES.

#### One Word at a Time

Bill Clinton stopped off for a Geneva talk on Sunday with Hafez Assad and extracted from him long-sought approval of eventual "normal" relations with Israel in a peace agreement. You might think it odd that a peace agreement should produce anything but "normal" rela-tions — isn't that the natural goal? You might think it even odder that President Clinton should actually commend President Assad, pay him in diplomatic coin, for speaking the word. But this is how peace proceeds in the Middle East, one word at a time.

Syria seeks the return of the Golan Heights, a swath of territory it lost to Israel in the 1967 war. With the demise of its Soviet patrons, it was forced to make the "strategic choice" that it no longer had a military option to reclaim the Golan, and it then walked through the diplomatic door opened by President George Bush. In the peace talks up to this point, however, Mr. Assad has offered Israel simply a "just," "comprehensive" or "honorable" peace, meaning that for surrendering every inch of territory Israel would get a cold, nocontacts, no-commitments relationship. He has rejected fsrael's demand for open borders. commerce and diplomatic relations — for a full peace with "normal" relations - plus

special security guarantees. In fact, the situation is even tougher than that. For while Syria was holding to a hard line, Israel was getting accustomed to the considerable strategic comforts - the lookouts, the warning time, the threat to Damascus — of Golan's high peaks. And some 14,000 Israeli settlers, mostly recruited by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's own Labor Party, were moving in: they enjoy broad sup-port among the Israeli pubbe. So the stickiness is not all on Syria's side.

Mr. Rabin bas been slow to apply Labor's

negotiating formula of land for peace to the Golan Heights. He hesitates to take the political heat that will come from saying that the land must be surrendered, at least until he can

nail down what Syria means by peace.

These are the elements of the diplomatic impasse that President Clinton, who already has embraced the separate Israeli-Palestinian peace initiative, went to Geneva to break. He found President Assad, as others have, a tough and tightly disciplined negotiator, he even violated his intent not to be all smiles in the presence of a bloody-banded tyrant, and joked about the Assad style. But whether he actually broke the Israeli-Syrian impasse re-

Mr. Assad spoke a word — "normal" — that much encouraged Mr. Clinton. But he made his gesture, as he commonly does, not to Israel but to the United States, which he plainly bopes to enlist less as a mediator than as a buffer between himself and Jerusalem. To make the point, he barred Israeli journalists from his Geneva press conference. Nor did he spell out the content or timing of the "normal" ties be now says he countenances. All of that remains to be negotiated when the peace talks resume in Washington soon.

If Syria is actually ready to bargain for an fsraeli-type peace of openness and confi-dence, then Israelis likely will he torn. They will feel vindicated for having held out for their terms on the Golan. But the closer they come to success at the table, the more doubt they will have about the desirability of surrendering the peaks and settlements and about the wisdom of making any kind of peace with a cruel, dictatorial regime. It will fall to the United States to coax both sides along the difficult path to peace.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.



To the people of Southern California, it always seems to happen the same way. Some-time before dawn, in that deepest bour of sleep, they suddenly awaken, confused and disoriented. The china is shaking. The windows are rattling. In an instant - less time than it takes to read this sentence - they leap from bed, staggering and stumbling and gathering other family members under the flimsy

security of a door frame. And so it was on Monday in the San Fernando Valley, where a violent predawn earthquake, measuring 6.6 on the Richter scale, killed at least 30 people, set fires, buckled freeways and turned buildings into rubble. "This place was moving like a jackhammer was going at it," said Richard Goodis of Sherman Oaks, an affluent Los Angeles suburb. "Our bedroom wall tore away. I was looking at the ceiling one moment, then I was

looking at the sky. I thought we were dead." The elapsed time is generally about 30 seconds, start to finish. And then it stops, although the adrenaline flow, the fear and the aftershocks, some of them large, do not, And

then the damage assessment begins.

For the people in and around Los Angeles, that damage includes the tragedy of lost lives, the millions of dollars in property destruction and the widespread inconvenience caused by the severing of four of the region's busiest highways, daily arteries for hundreds of thousands of commuters.

Only someone who has been through an earthquake can possibly understand the terror it brings. In the days and weeks to come, the slightest noise in the night — the creak of a screen door, the flapping of a sbutter — will bring residents of the San Fernando Valley fully awake, bearts quivering. They, better than most of us, will understand the precariousness of buman life on the edge of nature's immense, imponderable forces.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

#### Other Comment

#### **Election Year for Germany**

As Germany launches into a year of 19 local, state, national and European Union elections, Chancellor Helmut Kohl must won-der in his darker moments if he is fated to be a Margaret Thatcher or a George Bush. His Christian Democratic Union could dump him, Thatcher-fashion, after an anticipated poor showing in Lower Saxony in March. Or, much more likely, the CDU could be defeated, Bush-style, in October federal elections.

How could the "chancellor of unification" be in such a predicament? For the same reasons the U.S. president who triumphed in the Gulf War could be defeated. In a word, recession a recession compounded by the unexpected burdens of trying to bring the Eastern German

economy up to the comforts of the capitalist West. Like Mr. Bush, Mr. Kohl is hemmed in by buge federal deficits. He is considered indifferent to high unemployment or unable to restore competitiveness. Only Mr. Kohl's record of bouncing back from political pitfalls gives heart to his supporters. Most CDU politi-cians are preparing for the worst — not know-

ing precisely what is the worst. For Germany's allies, there is at least some assurance in the emergence of a new Social Democratic candidate for chancellor, Rudolph Scharping, who is decidedly centrist in a party too often tilted left. Either be or Mr. Kohl, in some kind of combination or opposition, will be leading Germany at a moment when Europe is in flux. They need to make a success of it.

- The Baltimore Sun.



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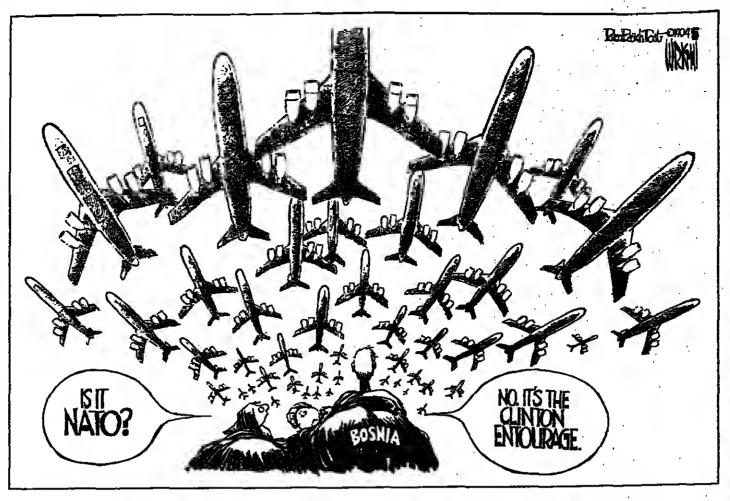
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## China's Piecemeal Progress Needs Reinforcement

HONG KONG — China is widely seen as a model for successful transition from a centrally planned to a market-based economy. Piecemeal economic reform has become one of the best known Chinese exports. Many admirers of the concept contrast its effectiveness with the dismal record of Russia's more burried approach. However, if China is to continue on the path of noninflationary economic growth, drastic action

is needed to sustain the momentum.

Gradualism has been most obvious in Chinese cities and towns where the government has taken a step-by-step approach in reforming the industrial sector to reduce the risk of a major dislocation. Beijing maintains that the limited changes in the structure of industrial enterprises have raised productivity without destabilizing the urban economy,

But the strategy of piecemeal reform is not the sole factor responsible for China's relative economic success. At critical turning points, the government has also been adept at identifying a "leadig sector" to propel the economy forward. It initially focused on agriculture, then shifted attention to township and village enterprises.

The latter have been the most dynamic sector of the economy in recent years, betning to drive a broadly based expansion while at the same time serving as an effective shock absorber. China's economic achievements are not the re-

sult of government initiative alone. The economy owes part of its robustness to investments of capital and know-bow by Hong Kong and Taiwan entrepreneurs. As a trading partner, financier and By Miron Mushkat

intermediary, Hong Kong has played a particular-ly important role in the modernization of China. Even in the domestic arena, the Chinese government has not been the sole agent of change. Bottom-up or spontaneous reform, such as the growth of private banking, has been common in the last f5 years, often reinforcing the effects of the top-down effort. At times it has actually paved the way for

government-inspired initiative China's reformist record is far from uniformly impressive. Some poorly conceived institutional arrangements and unsound policies have hindered progress on the economic front. Examples include the sorry state of the banking system in general, the very limited autonomy granted to the People's Bank of China, and the propensity to keep real interest rates negative, thus overstimulating the appetite of enterprises for investment funds.

Fiscal machinery is also malfunctioning, with the central government completely at the mercy of local authorities. The failure of the former to collect its own revenues on a sufficiently large scale is mainly responsible for the massive gap between central government spending and moone, As a result, more money is printed and inflation is pushed up.

A problem that has attracted less attention is the

labor market. Obsolete practices, which are officially sanctioned, impede labor mobility and provide a disincentive to expansion of labor-intensive production needed to reduce a high rate of unemployment. The economy is beset by rigidities and policy inertia. An autonomous banking system, promotion of private ownership of the means of production, a code of property rights, a comprehensive set of commercial and criminal laws, and an independent legal system to interpret and enforce the statutes are

required to break through these barriers.

China has still managed to achieve solid economic growth. To a considerable extent this reflects the tremendous slack within the industrial sector at the start of the reform program. This enabled sensible halfway measures to produce substantial improvements in productivity.

However, there is a growing realization that such measures have outlived their usefulness. Recent offirial statements suggest that the Chinese leadership is willing to accelerate the pace of change sharply.

The challenge lies in applying the blueprint for deeper market reform, particularly the fiscal com-

ponent, in the face of strong resistance from the provinces. They have been offered a carrot in the form of an early end to the austerity program launched last summer. For the time being at least, the provinces appear willing to toe the line.

They are likely to flex their muscles again before long in an attempt to prevent an erosion of privi-leges associated with the status quo. It will be critically important for the central government to prevail in any such clash.

The writer, chief economist for Asia at Lehman Brothers in Hong Kong, contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

## Don't Trust the Reports of Supercharged Growth

S INGAPORE — Figures abound which suggest that growth, after adjustment for inflation, has aver-aged from 8 to 12 percent in China in the past 15 years. In London, The ast recently said that the nese economy grew at a real rate of some 13 percent in 1992, accelerating to 14 percent in the first half of 1993.

IMF numbers contained in World Economic Outlook (May 1993) imply that real economic growth during the 1980s and early 1990s averaged 10 percent annually. Many of the most bullish comments about China by international financial advisers, fund managers and stock market gurus have been based on such assessments.

But there is something odd about the supercharged figures. China is buge and economically diverse. Gov-ernment policies have accentuated regional differences. Is it likely that such a large and disparate country should suddenly and for a long time grow at a rate double that of Japan during its high growth period? Is it likely that Chinese growth would far outpace that of the smaller and much more bomogeneous "miracle economies" elsewhere in East Asia? A closer look at available data re-

inforces skepticism. World Bank figures show the Chinese economy growing by about 1 percent a year from 1982 to 1987. That pattern is

cling the recent resignation of War-ren Zimmermann from the U.S.

Foreign Service after 30 years calls him a "Balkan expert." He is that

Mr. Zimmermann, one of the few U.S. diplomatic professionals flu-

ent in Serbo-Croatian, was the last

American ambassador to Yugosla-via. He was recalled to Washington

when the "ethnic cleansing" by the Bosnian Serb roughnecks became

If his advice had been more care-

fully beeded in Washington and

Beigrade, the worst of the Yugoslav

tragedy might have been avoided. Since his modesty rivals his extraor-dinary abilities, he would never

make that claim. But I know some-

thing about his largely unheralded

efforts to avert the catastrophe.
In March 1990, his embassy co-

sponsored a conference on "feder-

alism and oluralism." His idea was

to bring together Americans and

Yugoslavs to see if useful ideas and

examples for post-Communist Yu-

goslavia might be found in the

American experience. Like the ri-

valrous principalities of Yugosla-

via, the United States had had its

own ordeal with separatism.

The effort failed, for the seces-

sionist fever was already raging.
When that fever intensified, Mr.

Zimmermann tried, within the him-

its of diplomacy, to restrain it -

and especially to dissuade the ma-

jor European powers from an over-

hasty endorsement. That also failed

tno crude to countenance.

By Christopher Lingle and Kurt Wickman

confirmed by figures in the World Economic Factbook (1993) compiled by Euromonitor in London. China's annual real growth for 1989-1991 is reported in a more down-to-earth range of 1.7 to 4.8 percent. The mystery thickens when one ex-

amines the IMF data base on China from its International Financial Statistics, published in November. The real growth estimates are quite high, yet are significantly lower than those published in the IMF's own May 1993 report. For several years they even move in different directions.

The IMF publication is obviously

not using the IMF data base as a source, but some other data base. It is unclear which one and why.

So why are those supercharged growth statistics for China given so much credence? First, there might be confusion where nominal rather than real growth figures are reported. The Economist's report of 14 percent real growth for the first half of 1993 was made without reliable data on price changes. The most recent published price statistics, including the IMF update in October 1993, cover only the period up to 1991. Real growth forecasts for 1992-1993 are a shot in the dark, with preliminary estimates pointing to inflation rates of 20 to 25

A Good Man Who Shouldn't Be Lost

Germany led the way in recognizing

the Croatian secession. There was a

facile tendency at the time to identi-

fy secessionism in Croatia and Slovenia with the liberation movements

elsewhere in Europe that followed

the collapse of the Berlin Wall. Strangely, Mr. Zimmermann soon found himself pilloried in the Serbi-

an nationalist press for alleged se-

cret sympathies with the secession-

ist movement he had sought to avert. "Herr Zimmermann," he was

called - a nasty instituation of

German sympathies, since Croatia had been a Nazi puppet state dur-

I relate these facts to amplify the

record, since my old friend Mr.

Zimmermann, a professional to the

fingertips, is wholly incapable of

trying to impart self-serving spins

f also write to register my person-

al dismay that the United States is

forfeiting the services of this dili-

gent and talented public servant

not only because he is distressed by

inaction in Bosnia (he and I do not

agree about that), but because he

was on the verge of being shelved in

Mr. Zimmermann has been man-

aging the department's refugee af-

fairs since his return from Belgrade.

Elaine Sciolino reports in The New

York Times, accurately, that de-

spite the department's recommen-

a shabby affirmative action maneu-

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WASHINGTON — The New York Times headline chroni-

percent. Such rates could even imply negative real growth for China. A second possibility is that the aperience of the booming southern

and eastern provinces is extrapolated as the norm for all of China. While the coastal provinces are often referred to as the "fifth dragon" of East Asia, they represent economic conditions very distinct from most of the mainland They account for no more than 15 percent of the total population.

Thus, the often quoted reference to 12 billion Chinese consumers on the threshold of moderate wealth' should be scaled down to between 120 million and 150 million. The numbers are impressive, but they certainly fall short of a gigantic China-wide consumer market. To place this in perspective, anticipated rises in income for Indonesia will produce a similar number of new consumers.

A third possibility arises from the monetization of the Chinese economy. Growth estimates are exaggerated when previously unreported barter production is converted to monetary values. This is a classic problem with GNP estimates. But it becomes especially difficult in countries moving from self-sufficiency under communism toward a market economy.

dation that be be given the perma-nent appointment, "White House officials, with the concurrence of

officials, with the concurrence of Richard M. Moose, the undersecre-

tary of state for management, have insisted that the new job be given to

a woman or a nonwhite male."

Never mind that this alternative ap-

None other than Mr. Zimmer-

mann's sponsor for appointment to

the assistant secretaryship for refu-gee affairs, Secretary of State War-

ren Christopher, boasted that the Clinton administration would

"look like America." meaning look diverse. As a goal, that may be admirable; as a dogma leading to the casual discarding of highly qualified career officials because they are unfashionably white and

male, it is not far short of lunatic.

first met in England in the mid-

1950s, we learned something inter-

esting that is relevant in this con-text. The highest ambition of the best and brightest students at Ox-

ford and Cambridge was public ser-

vice. That is one reason Britain's

foreign and civil service set a world

The same can he said of many in

the U.S. Foreign Service. But public service is not a habit in America. The

Volcker commission recently discov-

ered that 90 percent of the country's

best college graduates never consider a public service career. The disgrace-

ful speciacle of Warren Zimmer-mann's fate helps explain why.

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standard for professionalism

When Mr. Zimmermann and I

pointee has yet to he identified.

A fourth possibility is that the very

high growth figures might have been conjured up by Chinese authorities to exaggerate their economic success and legitimize their continued political dominance.

The crude monetary system in China can he expected to go on general-ing boom-bust cycles in which efficient companies are prevented from getting credits to adjust their production while inefficient state firms are rescued and stocks are built up. Such a policy is not suited for long-term

omic growth. The recent retreat by the Chinese government from austerity reflects acceptance of reality. Its position has weakened, relative to the high-growth provinces. Growth in China is extremely uneven. Inflation generated by the high-growth coastal provinces imposes uncompensated price rises on the underdeveloped hinterland provinces. Attempts by the poor and depressed majority to control and tax would he stubbornly resisted by the

more prosperous coastal minority.

To avoid the high costs of investing in an unsustainable bubble, estimates of Chinese economic growth should he viewed with skepticism. West Germany has found to its great discomfort how wildly off were estimates of the value of productive assets in the former East Germany. As late as the mid-1980s, per capita income in the Soviet Union was said to he near that of Spain. We know now that this was far from accurate.

The meven growth that has oc-curred in China since 1979 points to heightened regional tensions. When combined with other centrifugal forces in such an economically disparate country, these could lead to the breakup of the Chinese state.

The writers are senior fellows in European studies at the National University of Singapore. They con-tributed this comment to the Interna-tional Herald Tribune.

## New Assad? The Proof Is Awaited

By Daniel Pipes

D HILADELPHIA - After their marathon meeting in Geneva on Sunday, Bill Clinton was asked if he felt that Hafez Assad had made a firm commitment to normalize relations with Israel. Without hesitation President Clinton replied, The short answer is 'yes.' "

Well maybe. President Assad's record suggests that it is wise to be skeptical about his intentions. As in the bad old days when he was a Soviet chent, he still when he was a soviet cheat, he still engages in aggressive activities, aimed mostly at Israel, Turkey, Lebanon and the United States. They include:

• Building up Syrian unconventional military capabilities. Damascus now has thousands of chemical war-leads.

heads, appears to be on the verge of putting antinax agents into weapons and is starting nuclear research. Its Scud-C missiles from North Korea Scud-C missiles from North Karea can reach most of Israel's population.

• Getting more involved in the drug trade. Top officials participate in trafficking drugs to the West, according to a 1992 congressional report.

Sponsoring Lebances and Palesting

ian groups that attack Israelis, as well as Palestinians who favor Yasser Ana an groups that attack israelis, as well as Palestinians who favor Yasser Arafat, and sponsoring the Kurdish Workers Party (PKK), a Marxist group, in its assaults on Turkey.

Nurturing an alliance with Iran.
So close is this bond that the Syrians

have distributed counterfeit U.S. currency produced in Iran, according to a report by the House Republican Reearch Committee

In short, Mr. Assad's policies have made Syria a rogue state along with Libya, iraq and Iran. He represses his own people with a harshness second only to Saddam Hussein's. But while Washington puts pres-

sure on the other rogue states by working to isolate them, it woos Syr-ia. Rather than isolating the regime, it has tried for years to bring Syria into the "family of nations."

American diplomats hold out small bait to encourage cooperation; last month, for example, Syria was allowed to acquire American-made jets. Secre-taries of state and other dignitaries travel to Damascus, and now four U.S. presidents have met with Mr. Assad American companies operate in Syria almost without restrictions. Mr. Assad has avoided the harsh

treatment dealt to Moammar Gadnafi, Saddam Hussein and Iran's mullahs because he is smarter. He makes gestures at the right time and plays complicated double games. He keeps diplomatic links open and accommodiplomatic links open and accommodates when necessary. For example, he has benefited simply by joining the peace process. This permitted him to devour Lebanon in 1991 without a peep from Washington.

A few months ago, when Turkey protested against Syrian support of Kingligh temperature.

Kirdish terrorism, the Syrians re-plied with seeming indignation: How can you raise such an issue while we're engaged in the peace process with Israel?

Sunday that 'in honor we shall make peace" with Israel, comes through?
Then the Arab-Israeli conflict will be nearly over. While Israel will have to leave the Golan Heights, it will have an opportunity to establish stringent safeguards.
And if Mr. Assad's words in Gene-

va don't add up to much? If Washington wants real improvements in Syrian behavior, it will have

to stop coddling him and confront him with a stark choice: "You're either with us or against us." Forced to choose sides, if he wholeheartedly travels the American route he would have to close down the anti-

Turkish terrorist groups, kick out reectionist Palestinians, disarm the fundamentalist groups in Lebanon. stop drug trafficking operations and cod the military buildup.

If he went down the Iranian path, he would find himself on a collision

course with America. He would probably ask himself this question: Which route better assures me and my coreligionist Alawites of continuing to dominate Syrian politics? While the Iranian route would suit his temperament, the American route would hold out

more promise. The American policy of approaching Mr. Assad with great patience and gentle words has produced little more than agreeable promises. If it wants real change, Washington may have to adopt the sort of tough policy that this canny despot understands.

The writer, director of the Middle East Council, a research organization, and author of "Greater Syria" and "Damascus Courts the West," contributed this comment to The New York Times.

#### IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: Big Man in Cattle

PARIS — M. Malus, a cattle broker, is the victim whose wrongs need attending to. This gentleman, it is said, is one of the heaviest men in the cattle trade. So ponderous is he that he had to have a cart built specially for him to make his rounds in. Wom out with drawing him the horse dropped from exhaustion at Vincennes and yesterday [Jan. 18] M. Malus had to prepare to return to his home by train. When he tried to get through the door he stuck halfway and could neither proceed nor retreat.

1919: A War Inquest

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WASHINGTON — The first move toward a sweeping investigation of the War Department took place to-day [Jan. 17] when Mr. Campbell, Republican, Kansas, introduced a resolution in the House requiring that the House be informed of the reason

Forest. The resolution was referred to the rules committee where Represen-tative Campbell intends to have it broadcoed to include an inquiry into all alleged abuses which have been the subject of recent criticism.

1944: Churchill Returns LONDON - From our New York

edition: Prime Minister Churchill returned to London from North Africa today [Jan. 18] after a nine weeks' absence and within a little. more than an hour after stepping from his special train he was telling the House of Commons, in reply to members who asked eagerly if he would delegate more work to spare his health, that he had "no changes to propose at present" in his routine. He said he would like to make a statement on the situation in all war theaters, but appealed for "more latitude about the actual date." It was learned this evening that Mr. Churfor the excessive casualties of the chill will not make his statement on Thirty-fifth Division in the Argonne the war situation until next month.

## Replace the Nuclear Umbrella

WASHINGTON — Just as the recent NATO summit meeting was a reminder that the world faces a future in which the United States has become the sole global power, it likewise signals that it is time to re-examine the role and place of strategic nuclear weapons

in American security policy.
With the dissolution of the Soviet Union and the division of its nuclear forces, the concerns of U.S. strategic planning have shifted from a single nuclear threat to a complex international situation --from Iraq to Ukraine to North Ko-

'Smart' conventional weapons — safer and more flexible than

nuclear weapons --might provide a more credible deterrent.

rea — where regional aggression is more likely than it has been since before World War II.

Experience, including the Gulf War, teaches us that nuclear weap-ons are unlikely to be useful in deterring aggression in these cir-cumstances. Rather than rely on them, therefore, the United States should consider what might seem at first glance a step backward: converting its principal strategie deterrent from nuclear weapons to a more credible deterrence based at least in part upon "smart" conven-tional weapons. It is a shift that could be justified as a coldly rational approach to a new security strategy and equally so as a moral-

ly correct foreign policy choice.

The case for choosing strategic, high-precision conventional weapons over strategie nuclear weapons is clear. They are safer, cause less collateral damage and pose less threat of escalation than do nuclear weapons. Thus they offer far greater flexibility in a variety of situations where use of any sort of nnclear weapon would be politically or militarily impractical.

The principal challenges to reliance on strategie conventional weapons are also clear. Can they adequately carry out their combat missions? If so, will that fact deter aggression as effectively as nuclear weapons appear to have done? 1 believe the answers to these ques-

tions are, in general, positive, The Gulf War offered a spectacular demonstration of the potential effectiveness of smart weapons used in a strategie role. Against Iraq, such weapons rapidly rendered useless the military forces of a powerful dictator, in particular by neutralizing his command, control and communications facilities. At the same time, the Gulf War showed the limited value of nuclear

weapons in deterring aggression. I would argue that there was no useful role for nuclear weapons for anyone in the Gulf War; Iraq could weapons as virtually chimerical, even when it attacked Israel. Likewise. Iraq would have gained little by employing a nuclear device. For him to have used such a nuclear capability as he might have devel-oped would merely have reinforced the determination of the major pow-

ers to eliminate him.

It is also true that a nuclear capability in Saddam's hands might have undermined U.S. efforts to force him to behave responsibly. Nuclear weapons used in desperation, or in a wild plan of revenue against Israel, could have resulted in great human tragedy. We cannot know whether or not Saddam would have used nuclear weapons had be possessed them. But we also cannot know whether the allied nucle-

ar threat could ever be counted

CHAINED TOGETHER:

Mandela, de Klerk and the

Struggle to Remake South

By David Ottaway. 291 pages.

T N April South Africa, armed

sexist constitution, will rendezvous

with its political destiny when elec-

tions are held usbering in black

majority rule, ending more than 300 years of white domination and

oppression. The two leaders who launched this historic process are

the subject of a tuminous and ab-

sorbing book, "Chained Together:

\$25. Times Books.

Mark Mathabane

Reviewed by

By Paul H. Nitze

upon to deter him from using them. After all, Saddam chose to start a nuclear weapons program in the face of the overwhelming nuclear power of the states arrayed against him, including the Israelis he sought to provoke. There was no logical reason for Iraq to build a nuclear weapon outside of this threat of irresponsible behavior: the looming threat of a wild-card, regional nuclear power. To my mind, Saddam's decision to embark on a nuclear program itself shows that there was no nuclear deterrent at play in Iraq's evaluation of the strategic sit-

uation in the Gulf. After the Gulf War, as its lessons are digested by all nations, one message rings loudest: The United States, when provoked, can and will use strategic conventional veapons against whatever targets

understanding this lesson may offer us a way to create the first credible and therefore useful strategic deterrent we have seen since the early days of the nuclear era. It may be that conventional strategic weapons will one day perform their primary mission of deterrence immeasurably better than nuclear weapons if only because we can —

It is vitally important that we understand the effectiveness and limitations of strategic conventional weapons. Unfortunately, much blie and professional discussion has been superficial. Yet it is a highly encouraging development for America that, for the first time, it might reasonably contemplate making nuclear weapons largely obsolete for the most practical and

fundamental strategic missions. The U.S. government should consciously decide to pursue the conversion of its strategic deterrent from nuclear to conventional weapons; and to begin now to decide not whether, but in what manner, this conversion will take place.

But first, the truth about smart weapons must be established. Even

though advanced conventional weapons appear to have performed well in combat, we must be careful as we evaluate how good a model the Gulf War provided for understanding the future utility of such

weapons as a deterrent. To much of the world viewing the Gulf War on television, smart weapons appeared a miracle weapon, capable of doing the job with little loss of military personnel and limited civilian losses. But this may be an unreasonable perception at the current stage of strategic conventional weapons development.

The lessons of the military utility of nuclear weapons must also be reexamined and frankly acknowledged. We will never be certain what has deterred the use of nuclear weapons since 1945. We can speculate that the strategic nuclear arse-nals in their morbid way did stay the use of these weapons, that mutuvented the use of nuclear weap-Ous against other nuclear powers. But in truth, using nuclear weapons has never entirely been ruled out, and much of the debate of operational nuclear strategy during the Cold War reflected this reality.

What inhibited the American use of nuclear weapons was clearly sensitivity to the implications of the destructiveness of such weapons. And however much U.S. military doctrine asserted otherwise, their use was never an easy option to the United States, and some troublesome governments have known this and exploited it as a weakness in

U.S. military posture. While the McNamara-era decision to move toward flexible re-sponse certainly led to a more credi-ble U.S. military presence and rence for some situations, it did not improve the strategic deter-rent. The United States was left with an enormous investment in a nuclear arsenal of limited use except in possibly deterring a nuclear at-tack by the Soviet Union directly against the United States, It was a one-use strategic deterrent.

Developing true strategic con-

ntional weapons offers a flexible

capability that no aggressor can that of Russia, and the ability of discount safely in a wide range Certainly, it would be wise to

continue to maintain a secure and widely dispersed array of nuclear weapons and their delivery systems until it seems certain that the nuclear weapons of others constitute no threat to the United States and its associates. But possession of such nuclear strategic superiority does not, by itself, answer whether it would be wise for the United States actually to use its nuclear forces even in retaliation to the use of nuclear weapons by another country. After all, if the country initiating such use could be effectively disarmed by conventional forces. there would be no military reason to

But how close is the United States to possessing conventional weapons that can indeed replace nuclear weapons as the primary deterrent against aggression? Today, there remains a gap be-

retaliate with a nuclear strike.

American strategic conventional weapons to overcome such a coming this gap should become the focus of technological research into the practical obstacles of delivery, accuracy and explosive capabilities, as well as planning secu-

rity strategy and tactics.
The Gulf War suggests that U.S. conventional weapons could offer an adequate deterrent against regional aggression. A question re-mains whether other powers, such as China and Russia, have come to threat does not come primarily from these nations but from states such as Iraq, North Korea or even Libya. It is, unfortunately, not clear that any strategic weapon can deter the ambitions of a tyrant.

The United States should recognize its responsibility to help shape the pattern and purpose of security arrangements worldwide.

The idea that the future peace tween the destructive power of a and well-being of the world should

Bangladesh has turned it into a bil-

lion-dollar industry. According to

government figures, the total aid commitment to Bangladesh since in-

The only problem with this inge-

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gladesh has cast itself in the perma-

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threatens the flow of foreign aid

and the livelihoods of tens of

thousands of "development"

bureaucrats, both Bangladeshi

and expatriate.

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dependence is \$30,5 billion.

mihilation of large numbers of noncombatants is, in the long run, un-acceptable. We should treat with scorn those, like North Korea, who may attempt to blackmail others with improdent nuclear threats.

In the world as it is, America will continue to need nonstrategic conventional forces to stop aggression as it unfolds. It will also need to maintain an overwhelming nuclear strategic capability, though not necessarily to use such weapons even in retaliation - if an aggressor can be disarmed with smart non-nuclear strategic weapons. The United States must learn not merely to react, as eye for eye, or out of anger, but with wisdom and a sense of the great responsibility that comes with great power.

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It is interesting that the U.S.

Agency for International Develop-ment, which provides almost \$40

million annually to Bangladesh,

only managed to pledge \$2 million to the Grameen Bank.

Good Sense and Law

Regarding an item in "Away From Politics" (Dec. 21);

awards \$750,000 in "actual" dam-

ages to a woman injured by a

So, a St. Louis circuit court jury

PATRICK DOUGHERTY.

Dhaka, Bangladesh,

## Trying to Make Sense Of the Member Mania

By Joann Byrd

ward to the far-far-distant mally hidden from public view. future. Archaeologists are dig-ging up this civilization.

The team charged with looking at newspapers and television, film and radio tapes begins

peared in American media on

#### MEANWHILE

June 24, 1993. By actual count, the word and its assorted (usually, we must say, infantile) cuphe-misms appeared 47,896,451 times in the seven months following the breach of that taste barrier.

"(See 'First Publication of Word Condom, 1986. Note absence of discussion of newspapers' long-standing, routine references to parts of female anatomy - i.e., vagina and breast.)

"This development coincided with the peculiar penchant of news media in the last decades the 20th century to engage what was then known as a

'feeding frenzy. The result was that the media went berserk over one particularly notorious penis, that belong-ing to a man named Bobbitt. Even newspapers that usually favored important national issues put this sage on their front pages. This provided journalistic cover for less serious media to exploit the most salacions elements

of the story. We are at a loss to explain

why the media became obsessed with this story."

Note to archaeologists: Take your pick from the following:

 There is the significance explanation: The sad marriage of John and Lorena Bobbitt was the 1993 exemplar of ancient and abiding gender wars and an available illustration of what must be a

speeding Domino's Pizza delivery

ness: They also award her \$78 mil-

When will this insanity stop?

Lawyers and judges have made a mockery of the U.S. legal system by

allowing such ludicrons judgments

It is disturbing to see no end to

this trend. The legal system needs a

major overhaul and a good shot of

truck; that's fine. But now the mad

hon in punitive damages!

to become commonplace.

plain "common sense.

WASHINGTON - Fast-for- multitude of private horrors nor- Or the primal justification: It was news because so many men identified so intensely with the possibility of a penis being severed. And so many women, especially those who have been raped "The word 'penis' first ap- and battered readily saw their own fantasies of retribution carried out. The story struck readers

and viewers (and journalists) in instant and visceral ways. · And what follows from that, the male editor theory: This media spectacle was generated by and focused on the penis-cutting and not on the rape that Lorena Bobbitt says brought her to take up the knife (and which a jury said prosecutors did not prove). People making the biggest news judgments

are usually men. • The man-bites-dog rationale: According to the prevailing assumption, women are only the victims, never the perpetrators, of

• The deeper-than-it-looks reasoning: This story was the morality narrative of two wrongs. And the tale of blemished victims. And a classic about the struggle for power. It involves readers in ambiva-lence and thought and debate.

• The everybody-is-talkingabout-it excuse: Well, anyway, a

about it excise: Well, anyway, a lot of people were.

• And finally, you've got the speculation of people who find the media circus disgusting. Some respectable people love to hate every word of such junk. This was an inherently sensational story. And if it was legitimately about brutality, was saturated with sex.

Maybe all those explanations were at work in the world's media. The Washington Post's readers. for example, got straight-faced, so-ber police and trial and medical reporting. And attempts to find some broader meaning (with varying success) in the events and the public reaction to them. But readers also got snickers and puns and innuendo and one-liners that once would have gotten an adolescent's

mouth washed out.
In 58 stories about the Bobbitts and 40 other references to the case, The Post covered all possibilities from cautions documentation to ribald amusement, And so did the other media. Does that mean that there was no one reason for the

frenzy, but every reason for it? P.S. to archaeologists: If this media círcus is still going on in your century, I suggest that you call in your genetic engineers. Maybe they can end all of it by identifying and then eliminating

SAMI-VICTOR ELIAS. the gene for voveurism. Orsay, France. The Washington Post.

#### first-class strategic arsenal, such as rest upon the threat of nuclear an-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Limited Partnership Regarding "A U.S. Foreign Poli-cy Named Boris Yeltsin" (Opinion,

William Pfaff has correctly analyzed arguments about the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the countries of Central and East-

ern Europe. What these countries wanted was a guarantee of security. What they received was far less. The U.S. inspired Partnership for Peace plan is a concession to President Boris Yeltsin's objec-

tions, reflecting the fear that treating countries like Poland as allies Il strengthen Communist-nationalist opposition to Mr. Yeltsin's promised reforms. But what guarantee is there that American diplomatic engineering

will actually belo produce a truly democratie Russia? And since when has appeasement successfully tranquilized the people we fear? Is it not likely, on the contrary, that Russian nanonalists will draw encouragement from the fact that the West seems to have recognized

The countries of Central and Eastern Europe, meanwhile, are left indefinitely in a limbo of insecurity. The immediate interests of the West's natural allies are being ignored for the sake of the still doubtful prospect of Russia's con-

version to Western ways.

The Polish ambassador in Brussels put it succinctly and with pa-thos: "We have no allies."

Mandela, de Klerk, and the Strug-

With a keen eve for telling sub-

tleties, David Ottaway, a Washing-

ion Post correspondent, analyzes

the dramatic events and constella-

tion of players surrounding South

Africa's roller-coaster ride to de-

mocracy, which began with Nelson

Mandela, the imprisoned African

National Congress leader, holding secret talks with his captors, among them President de Klerk. The talks

laid the groundwork for Mandela's

release and for negotiations be-

tween the apartheid regime and its

foes. Mandela, impressed by de Klerk, characterized him as "a man

of integrity" blacks could trust and

Euphoric onlookers started de-

scribing the two leaders in terms

do business with.

gle to Remake South Africa."

KEVIN RUANE. Vernier, Switzerland.

BOOKS

#### A European War

Regarding "Let Europe See to Bosnia" (Letters, Jan. 11);

I agree 100 percent with Gerald R. Hastings. Why must the people of North America be asked for the third time in this century to come over and fight Europe's wars, which have been caused by what might best be described as the bankruptcy of European pobtics? GEORGE KYLE

#### Checkered History

Regarding "Croatia and Its Symbols" (Letters, Dec. 7) from Tatjana Thaller Former:

Notwithstanding the centurieslong history of Croatia's checkerboard coat of arms, it was las widely displayed during World War II by the Nazi-backed Ustashi regime. To the survivors of the Ustashi genocide of Serbs and Jews, the emblem is comparable to the Nazi swastika.

GEORGE TINTOR. London.

Standing Up to Serbs From the start of the Bosnian war, it has been a win-win situation for the Serbs, since the Western

The Muslims seem to have more

redolent with hope for the future:

statesmen, allies, co-peacemakers, visionaries. Yet Mandela and de

Klerk quickly degenerated into mere

politicians and partisans. They bick-

ered over the causes of and responses to black violence, they accused

each other of duplicity, they reneged

on important promises. They spent

more time catering to the parochial

interests of their respective groups than healing a divided nation menaced by civil war.

At times their feuding made a

mockery of the various peace

awards the world community was

bestowing on them, including the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize. Yet, they continued negotiating, aware that despite their mutual animus and dis-

trust, they needed each other for

political survival and to prevent the

country from exploding

community never even discussed whether the Serbs should return all of the territories conquered, but only how much they could keep. Both the Croats and the Muslims lose under current proposals.

stomach for fighting on, while the Croatian government is always looking for compromises. As a Croat, I envy the Bosnian people their leadership, which is not afraid to fight even against overwhelming odds, especially since the Bosnians have to fight both

Croats and Serbs. Although Croatia has created for itself an additional enemy in Bos-nia (the Muslims), only Croats and the Muslims united have a chance to stand up to the Serbians' dreams of expansion at the expense of other ex-Yugoslav people.

STJEPAN BALOG. Warren, Michigan

#### The Poverty Industry

Regarding "A Success in Helping sica Mathews:

As a technical adviser living in Bangladesh, I know the Gramen Bank is indeed a huge success in helping the poor. This leads to a question: Why does Bangladesh not publicize this success story?
Bangladesh sells its poverty for the same reason that the Saudis sell oil: They have a lot of it. In the international market, poverty is not

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Was the relationship between

Mandela and de Klerk doomed by

the forces they had unleashed but

could not control, or is South Afri-ca's chaos and bloodletting partly

For answers Ottaway scrutinizes

the personal and political histories of the two leaders. He probes their

respective origins, their rise to pow-

er, their styles of leadership, the na-ture of the parties they lead, their mistakes, the pressure they came un-

der, the squandered opportunities. We see in Mandela, "The Revolu-tionary Chief," and de Klerk, "The

Calvinist Reformer," two strong-

willed yet pragmatic men, at once autocratic and democratic, more adored abroad than at home, be-

holden to their respective power

bases and professing party loyalty and yet with a penchant for reaching

momentous decisions on their own Around de Klerk and Mandela is

a gallimaufry of participants in South Africa's unfolding drama. The Zulu leader Mangosuthu Buth-

dezi, Mandela's main rival for

Various homeland leaders, drunk

Mark Mathabane, author

"Kaffir Boy," wrote this for The Washington Post neton Post.

black votes if he participates in elections, champions a capitalist and decentralized government

usually thought to have value, yet

# VIEWPOINE

The Commerzbank report

# Germany's economic woes will

Western Germany's current recession has exposed the economy's structural weaknesses. High labor costs and taxes, as well as overregulated labor and product markets, are often pinpointed as the key problems. Breakthroughs are clearly needed in these areas in order to improve the growth of potential output and reduce

unemployment. The impression is sometimes created that the German economy is heading for protracted stagnation unless these problems are tackled. But there are good reasons to believe that the decline in industrial production or GDP and the subsequent fall in employment and business investment in 1992-93 can largely be attributed to cyclical forces.

#### Heavy burden on private sector

The downturn was triggered by the sustained fall in foreign demand and the clash between wage policy and monetary policy in 1991-92, which resulted in a sharp profit squeeze and a scaling-down of investment plans. In addition, the government's policy since 1991 of raising taxes and social security contributions plays an important role. This year alone. the burden on the private sector will be roughly DM 40 billion beavier. And in 1995 the solidarity surcharge will be reintroduced (DM 28 billion). This is definitely a structural impediment to growth but the only new one to have arisen in recent years.

Fiscal consolidation, a further decline in employment and wage increases below the expected inflation rate will contribute to a further fall in real private consumption. It is highly uncertain how

"Economic recovery will be led by business investment and an export revival."

abate only slightly in 1994

far private households will continue to maintain their living standards by saving less. A recovery will therefore have to be led by business investment and exports, with residential construction continuing

to be a stabilizing factor. Business investment fell sharply in 1993 but its share in GDP was still higher than in the 1981/82 recession and even higher than during the early phase of the previous upswing. Low interest rates and

wage increases, as well as extensive cost-cutting and rationalization measures, provide a basis for a rebound in investment ac-

Whether exports pick up, however, will depend on the timing of the recovery in other parts of Western Europe. Furthermore, it is uncertain how strongly the very uneven appreciation of the D-mark vis-à-vis other European currencies will reduce demand for German products. Export expectations

as well as incoming foreign orders suggest that an export revival is just round the corner. The more the recovery worldwide is driven by business investment as is currently the case in the U.S. - the more German producers will benefit.

Whereas the debate on the timing and the sources of the recovery is reasonable,

great precision about numbers is not. Due to separate national accounts for eastern and western Germany and changes in the measurement of intra-EC trade, the margin of error for real GDP is now more than one percentage point in either direction. The best current estimate is a growth rate for western Germany close to zero on average in 1994, and a somewhat better performance in a year-end comparison. The risks may be compounded by the large number of elections which Germany faces this year; on the positive side, the eastern German economy could well be more buoyant. No matter what the exact outcome for

growth is in 1994, the situation in the

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labor market will deteriorate further. This pressing economic problem calls for sweeping changes in government policies, but above all in the agreements reached between employers and unions. Some progress is aiready evident here - the first step towards a better

#### 12 THE TRUCE AT BAKURA.

The New York Times
This list is based on reports from more than
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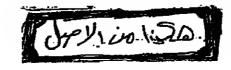
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## AFTERSHOCK / THE MOUNTING TOLL

## **Economists Fear Long-Term Effects**

#### Catastrophe May Diminish Lure of Southern California

By John M. Berry

While experts estimate that public and private property losses from the earthquake will exceed \$7 billion, they say that the long-term economic damage could be even

The Southern California economy has suffered a series of recent shocks — fires, mud slides, riots, falling real estate values and a devastating decline in its defense industries — that pushed unemployment ioto double digits and undermined confidence among consumers and business executives that the area could return to boom

Spending to clean up and repair the quake's damage, including likely federal government assistance, should give the recession-plagued economy a boost.

The question is whether that spending will be enough to offset the economic impact of the quake's psychological trauma on the region's residents. Some officials and analysts expressed fear that the earthquake may be the sort of straw-that-broke-the-camel's-back event that convinces many already-skeptical people that Southern California is simply not a place in which to live or do business

"My heart is sinking," said Sena-tor Barbara Boxer, a Democrat, in a television interview. "We had just turned a corner in California, with riots and fires and everything that has occurred in these past few years, so it is very disheartening." A major concern among busi-

severe congestion, with employees spending hours commuting on the network of freeways that are its transportation lifelines. Damage to several freeways, including the Santa Monica Freeway that carries traffic west from central Los Angeles, will mean even worse traffic jams on alternative routes for many weeks to come.

■ Damage Estimates Rising U.S. insurance industry officials said Tuesday that the property damage caused by the quake would far exceed the \$7 billion caused in the 1989 San Francisco quake, news agencies reported.

But American insurance companies expect to come through the Los Angeles quake in good shape because buying earthquake insurance is so expensive.

This means that many people forgo the insurance. Of the \$7 billion in damage caused by the 1989 temblor in San Francisco, only \$960 million was covered by insur-

Major insurers include State Farm, the largest insurer in California; Farmers, a subsidiary of the British company BAT, and Fire-man's Fund, a subsidiary of the German insurer Allianz.

Lloyd's of London, the world's largest insurance market, said the earthquake could cost insurers as much as \$6 billion, a spokesman

But initial estimates of insured losses by other industry analysts, including Munich Re, the world's largest reinsurance company, were around \$1 billion. (AFP, Reuters)

## Picking Up the Pieces at the Epicenter

By Alan C. Miller and Leslie Berger

LOS ANGELES -- Portions of the mail collapsed. The roof on the university's library caved in. Smoke billowed from buildings and streets as residents of Northridge, the epicenter of Monday's earthquake, took to their roofs with hoses to fight back flames.

Northridge, a suburb 20 miles (30 kilometers) northwest of downtown Los Angeles, was the scene of almost half of the fatalities. several miracle rescues, and in general, wholesale devastation.

Nowhere was the toll of the temblor more evident than at the Northridge Meadow apartments, where a three-story apartment building lurched six feet (about 2 meters) to one side before collapsing into its first floor. At least 16 people died, and others were trapped for hours.

But the disaster also wreaked havoc on California State University-Northridge, the Northridge Fashion Center and many residential streets in the suburb, which has a population of 65,000.

"It used to be good here," said Joseph Momjin, a Northridge resident. "I think it's still going to be good. But let's wait and see if After a series of aftershocks over the fol-

lowing 24 hours, he said, "We're not done At Cal State-Northridge, fires erupted in chemical-laden science buildings, a four-level

parking garage collapsed and chunks of the library roof fell off. A damage estimate was not expected until later, but the library is a prized facility, housing a \$2 million robotic retrieval system — dubbed Leviathan II — and is considered the

fear emanating from the sprawling campus as black smoke rose Monday from multiple blazes in three science buildings where hazardous and low-level radioactive materials are stored. The blazes were spread when explosions blew out windows.

University officials sealed off the area temporarily, fearful that hazardous substances might be released into the air. In one of the few pieces of good news, fire officials managed to contain the flames before they reached the radioactive substa

A load of sulfuric acid spilled, however, when the quake joited four locomotives and 24 cars of a freight train off its tracks south of the Northridge Fashion Center, prompting

an emergency cleanup effort.

And on a Northridge street, an oil line exploded, the resulting fire burning rows of



A National Guardsman and rescue workers outside a Northridge apartment building that collapsed, killing 16 people there.

#### QUAKE: Violent Aftershocks Hit Los Angeles as Search for Survivors Goes On, Damage Exceeds \$7 Billion

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for the area's 9 million residents was likely to he disrupted for up to

With nearly 3 million vehicles using more than 600 miles (970 kilometers) of freeway in Los Angeles during the evening rush hour, the city's residents are extraordinatily dependent on main highway

The city's new subway line, the Metro Red Line, which opened last January, is expected to offer little help. It runs through about four miles of downtown Los Angeles, from Union Station to MacArthur

The area's Metrolink commuter

trains operated on Tuesday, although some stations and stretches of track that were damaged were

The freeways alone could cost hundreds of millions of dollars to rebuild. And Governor Pete Wilson said it could take a year to repair some vital roads.

"You don't want to rusb and risk it falling again," he said.

Seismic Safety Commission, said the damage was disturbingly similar to that caused by the 1971 quake, despite oew earthquake standards and the reinforcement of

shocks reverberated.

Guard were activated.

Bill Iwan, chairman of the state

The police enforced a dusk-todawn curfew and arrested 73 people for "quake related incidents," including breaking the curfew and looning. To help keep the peace, 1,500 members of the National

More than 200 people remained hospitalized. At most hospitals, emergency workers and officials said the vast majority of injuries were caused when people used to get out of their homes.

Serious water damage, gas leaks

peaceful overnight Monday as residents remained calm even as after-hospitals and clinics.

The hospital was rebuilt, supposedly to withstand earthquakes, on the site of a hospital that was de-stroyed in the 1971 earthquake. More than a hundred fires broke

out after the temblor, destroying businesses and leaving more than 15,000 people homeless. The U.S. secretary of housing

and urban development, Henry G. Cisneros, and the transportation secretary, Federico F. Pena, arrived in Los Angeles offering federal fi-

President Bill Clinton declared highway bridges. and power outages forced the 377For the most part, the region was bed Olive View Medical Center to Southern California a disaster area

on Monday, paving the way for

There will be federal aid of different kinds," Governor Wilson said. He said federal aid could possibly exceed \$100 million.

Mr. Wilson conceded that the federal funds would provide a shot in the arm for Southern California's depressed economy. "It's a hell of a way to do it," he

Many residents were too frightened to return home and flocked to tent cities in fields and parks.
People huddled in chilly temratures in sleeping bags and tried to stay calm by playing cards, lis-

ing meals. Some took refuge in

The authorities set up dozens of shelters for people left homeless, while the Red Cross appealed for donations.

Scientists from the California Institute of Technology said the earthquake occurred on the Oakridge fault, an east-west line running from the San Fernando Valley to the Pacific Ocean. It has not been active for 200 years, they said. Lucy Jones, a scientist at the institute, reported 88 aftershocks

with a magnitude of 3.0 or greater and said there was a "50-50chance" that another aftersbock of 5.0 or greater would be felt within (Reuters, AP, AFP)

## For Many Japanese, **Worried Fascination** Baghdad Sees 'God's Wrath'

soil at any time.

Like Los Angeles, the heavily likes of those killed populated Tokyo region is a seismic high danger zone where, scientists say, a huge quake is likely sooner rather than later.

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Japan planned to offer some sort of relief assistance to victims of the latest Los Angeles, Tokyo's chief spokesman said Tuesday.

Despite Japan's huge seismological resources, no one can say when a major jolt might come. "With the technology we have today, it is impossible to predict when and where major carthquake could occur, Hiroshi Araya, of the Central Meteorological Agency, said Tuesday.
We have constantly been striv-

ing to improve our prediction abli-ty," said Shigeo Mori, of the meteo-rological agency. "But this Los Angeles earthquake has certainly prompted us to think more about the need for sophisticated prediction technology.

graphs across the country. They

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches crust and feed data to a central TOKYO — Japanese stayed computer in Tokyo, Mr. Mori said. gined to their television screens
overnight, watching pictures of the Los Angeles earthquake and knowing that the scenes of devastation could be duplicated on Japanese message of condolences through President Bill Clinton to the fam-

Mr. Yeltsin said he was certain that Americans' native determination and toughness would enable them to recover quickly from the

In Berlin, Mayor Eberhard Diepgen, saying the German capi-tal could never forget U.S. support for Berlin during the Cold War, said Tuesday that the city was collecting donations for victims of the

But in Baghdad, an official news-paper called the earthquake the "wrath of God" and "the curse of the Iraqis" against the United States for the Gulf War, which began just three years ago.

Adding to the denunciation by Babel, a newspaper run by the president's son, Uday Hussen, a television channel also owned by the on technology."

Japan has about 170 seismoaphs across the country. They
tect movements in the Earth's

Jan. 17, 1991. (Reuters, AFP)

### Friendly Computer Users Go On-Line With Help

New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Within minotes after the San Fernando Valley was rocked by an earthquake Monday morning, the nationwide web of computer networks was abuzz with messages to and from people touched by the shock.

Hundreds of computer users turned to electronic mail when they were mable to make long-distance telephone calls into and out of the earthquake area. People in the area discovered they could dial local telephone numbers that gave them access to electronic mail

oetworks unaffected by the quake.

They used the networks to ask strangers around the country to relay messages by telephone to friends and relatives. Hundreds of computer users had posted messages on the networks offering to

Robert Davidson, who signed his message "Desperate in New Jersey," sent out a plea over the Prodigy network at 11:34 A.M. eastern standard time, asking; "If you have any information about conditions in Northridge, the epicenter of the quake, please write back. We cannot reach our relatives there and are extremely worned about them. They live on Olympia Road." Just three minutes later, he received a reassuring response over the

network from Eric Ruderman.
"My aunt and uncle in Northridge report a lot of glass breakage etc. in the house but no real structural damage visible in the neighborhood." Mr. Rudesman said.

A spokesman for the Prodicy network said that more than 4,000 nessages had been exchanged by midafternoon after it established a special earthquake forum for the messages.

COVER-UP: Iran-Contra Report

## GROWTH: U.S. Locomotive Loses Some Steam, but It's Still Out Front

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nomic axis run East-West from New York to London to Frankfurt to Tokyo. Another, emerging axis runs in a direction that used to be called North-South, to the most dynamic part of the world in East Asia including China, through Latin America, and on to the countries of Eastern Europe, including Russia, which are struggling to integrate themselves into the

Western market system.
These structural shifts, said Neal Soss of the investment bank CS First Boston, mean that even the advanced economies adjusting to the transition need more spending stimulus to turn around - more than the debi-laden governments of the industrial nations are willing to lay

"Workers are off balance because of the changes to their world, and they need more time and more security before they spend more," he said. "And in places like Malaysia, Taiwan, and even China, hundreds of millions of workers are entering the world economic system as producers and not consumers. These countries can he locomotives only to the degree that they are willing to run trade deficits — and

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extensive gaiatsu, or foreign pressure.
"We did this on our own," he said.

opment model of the 1970s, the emerging nations of Asia and Latin America are financing that the Democrats' traditional constituencies growth from their own savings or private investment from the industrialized nations, then running trade surpluses with them and using the money to import capital goods. But they are

cheaply than their advanced competitors.

This puts the U.S. economy on the inside track to export capital goods for the emerging countries' infrastructure in industries where it has always been a leader -- computerized telephone switching gear, aircraft or earth-moving machinery, for example. The market is less certain for a variety of goods that would float on a generalized wave of prosperity.

Hence the emergence of the Clinton adminis-

not importing as many consumer baubles,

which in any case they now can make more

tration's distinctive U.S. trade policy, a kind of modified mercantilism that seeks to open markets where America has a comparative advantage, whether in Hollywood movies or McDon-ald's hamburgers, rather than a general policy of free trade pursued for its own sake and that

of worldwide expansion. In that sense, U.S. trade policy has moved closer to most other countries. For a Democratic administration, however, it still poses a di-

JAPAN: Tokyo Is Opening Bids on Public Works to Foreign Companies

Ministry and contractors have asserted that the system is designed to assure high-quality con-

Bm critics contend that the system encour-

that the Democrats' traditional constituencies thought were their birthright are no longer found in Detroit but in manufacturing plants of China or Mexico.

The principal risk to what economists call the consensus forecast is government policy toward this fundamental change and the uncertain business reactions to it - which never show up in the numbers that get factored into economists' forecasting equations. Mr. Giordano feels that if anything the risk to his steady forecast lies on the upside: "The animal spirits of business could be unleashed after being

bottled up for so long."

If that happens, warned Victor Zamowitz of the University of Chicago, chairman of the committee that dates American recessions, an overexuberant economy could start the Federal Reserve worrying seriously enough about a new round of inflatioo to knock the recovery on the

"If each of the big economies gets its own macro policy right and plays by the rules, that's the best anyone can do to restart the world economy," said Paul Krugman of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. "Curing the recession in Europe and Japan is not up to us."

technical competence of all concerns wishing to bid on Japanese projects. The government as-

sessors will count experience at building pro-

## Russia Sees Hazard In Ukraine Warheads

By Fred Hiatt

Washington Post Service

MOSCOW — Senior Russian generals, pressing for early fulfillment of an arms treaty brokered by President Bill Clinton last week, said Tuesday that nuclear warheads in Ukraine were decaying and

increasingly dangerous.

Colonel General Yevgeni Maslin, chief of nuclear systems in the Russian Defense Ministry, warned that Ukrainian storage facilities were overloaded and that its nuclear weapons were not being properly maintained. He said the danger of an accident in handling

or transportation was increasing every day.

"The condition of ouclear safety in Ukraine continues to worsen," General Maslin said. Ukrainian officials have denied that the nuclear weapons on their territory pose any immediate danger. They also have accused Rus-

sians of exaggerating the danger for political purposes.

Mr. Clinton was joined by President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia and President Leonid M. Kravchuk of Ukraine in Moscow on Friday in signing an accord calling for the withdrawal of nuclear weapons from Ukraine for disassembly in Russia. In return, Russia and the United States agreed to pay Ukraine for the warheads and to help

guarantee the nation's security.

The agreement has sparked opposition inside Ukraine, where some politicians and nationalist leaders want to hold onto the weapons. Many Ukrainians believe that Moscow does not respect Ukraine's independence and view nuclear arms as an important badge of sovereignty.

General Maslin said Tuesday that there were about 2,000 nuclear

warheads in Ukraine, including 1,300 for intercontinental ballistic missiles and more than 600 for air-launched cruise missiles. Ukraine has 176 missile silos and about 40 bombers capable of handling ouclear weapons, he said.

The general welcomed the statement signed last week and urged Ukraine to accede to it quickly. Although the accord allows seven years for Ukraine to become nonnuclear, General Maslin said Russia could withdraw and disassemble all of its neighbor's warheads within two years.

General Maslin did oot speak of the danger of a nuclear explosion, but he implied that poor maintenance and handling could cause a conventional explosion that could spread radioactive material over a

#### ments, Mr. Bush, as vice president, "was fully aware of the Iran arms sale" and efforts to raise money for Continued from Page 1 tras. He was convicted in 1989 of

obstructing Congress, destroying government documents and accepting an illegal gratuity.

But the convictions were set aside on appeal in 1990 after hearings into whether the jury was bi-ased by Mr. North's televised testimony before Congress in 1987. Mr. North gave that testimony on condition that he be immune from prosecution for any statements he made. Prosecutors were unable to prove his convictions had not been tainted by the congressional testi-

Mr. North is preparing to run for. the U.S. Senate from Virginia. Mr. Poindexter was convicted of lying to Congress and seeking to cover up the affair. He was sentenced to six months in prison, but the conviction was reversed in

These are among the key find-mgs of Mr. Walsh's 556-page re-

 Mr. Reagan "set the stage" for illegal activities of his aides. He ordered "in general terms" illegal efforts to aid the contras and authorized the illegal sale of arms to

• The sale of arms to Iran violated government policy and may have violated the Arms Export Control Act.

· Secretary of State George P. Shultz, Mr. Weinberger and Mr. Regan withheld information that

would have given Congress a clear-

er idea of the scope of the scandal

· Contrary to his public state-

the Nicaraguan rebels from third countries. There was no evidence, however, that Mr. Bush broke any

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 Several Reagan administration officials systematically withheld a . large volume of documents relevant to the investigation. Notes kept by Mr. Regan, Mr. Shuitz and Mr. Weinberger during the scandal were withheld until late in the investigation.

• Reagan administration officials deliberately deceived the Congress and the public about the level and extent of official knowledge of support for Mr. North's opera-

• Mr. Moese falsely stated that Mr. Reagan did not know about a 1985 Hawk missile shipment to Iran at the time of the shipment. Mr. Walsh considered prosecuting Mr. Meese in 1992 for making a faise statement but concluded that the passage of time would make it difficult to prove the case.

The final report states that President Reagan generally authorized buth the arms sales and military aid and "knowingly participated or at least acquiesced" in a cover-up by his senior aides.

But it concluded that there was no credible evidence that President Reagan violated any crimmal

Mr. Reagan "set the stage for the illegal activities of others by encouraging and in general terms or-dering" military aid to the contras, the report said.

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#### RUBLE: Russian Run on Dollars

Continued from Page 1 nance minister's post without bet-

But in a game of chicken his aides said that he had not resigned, and that talks might continue over his participation in the government. Having just promised Mr. Clinton that his support for Russian reforms will intensify, Mr. Yeltsin would he embarrassed by losing Mr. Fyodorov.

Britain to Mint D-Day Coin

The reform economist Grigori A.

LONDON - The Royal Mint is to issue a special coin to commem-orate the 50th anniversary in June of the World War II D-Day landing oo the Normandy beaches in

Yavlinsky, who has criticized Mr. Gaidar but praised Mr. Fyodorov, has said he is unlikely to play the role of window-dressing for the West that Mr. Gaidar clearly tired of. A departure of Mr. Pyodorov. Mr. Yavlinsky said Tuesday, "promises very high inflation in the nearest future."

In another strong indication of a changing, postelection mood, the foreign minister, Andrei V. Kozyrev, reportedly told a meeting of Russian ambassadors from the former Soviet states that it would be dangerous for Russian troops to withdraw completely from the area of the former Soviet Union. Although military domination is not in Moscow's interests, he said, "it would be dangerous to create a vacuum, because it might be filled

with unfriendly forces. pence (75-cent) coin will sell for complete withdrawai, he said, both of which would be A balance must be found be-

## **DEFENSE:** Inman Withdraws

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"My family and I have not found it possible to focus on the positive and ignore the negative, but rather have been drawn to focus on the rush-to-judgment distortions of my record, my character and reputa-

Clinton aides offered no details beyond saying that Mr. Inman felt unready to face the hazards of a tough Senate inquiry. But Senator John S. McCain 3d, Republican of Arizona and a member of the Armed Services Committee, said bordered on paranoia and com-pared them to Ross Perot's conting to spoil his daughter's wed-

#### ment that made him unable to bear

the rough and tumble of public life.

"Without solid bipartisan support from the leadership at the outset, I bring no special qualifications to the prospective job," Mr. Inman wrote in his letter to Mr. Clinton.

At the news conference, Mr. inman strongly renewed his endorse-ment of the president's views on defense, saying that there "was absolutely no daylight" between himself and Mr. Clinton on military issues. The White House has faced criticism on a range of questions there was no opposition to Mr. In-including homosexuals in the man. He said Mr. Inman's fears armed forces and cuts in defense spending that many specialists contend are too deep. ...

cerns during the 1992 campaign
Mr. Inman attacked what he that Republican aides were plotpublic life in Washington, a reference to the 1950s era of Senator Some Senate aides, speaking Joseph McCarthy and his strident anonymously, said that one of Mr. campaign to rid the country of liman's problems was a temperational communists.

jects overseas toward a company's rating. But overseas construction work will oot necessarily ages companies to bribe politicians so that they will be included among the designated bidders. Moreover, critics say, the companies that get on the designated list often divide up the work by He noted that over the past year and a half or be regarded as equivalent to Japanese construcso, repeated bid-rigging and bribery scandals have aroused considerable political support within Japan for overhauling the existing, cortion work.
Even if Washington accepts Tokyo's plan on construction bidding the two sides remain at odds on how to improve foreign access in the Japanese market for such products as auto conspiring to rig their bids, adding substantialruption-prone system. ly to taxpayer costs.

Uoder the new plan, open bidding will begin on April 1, though the rules will cover only the Under the current system, only contractors that are designated by the government may bid on public works projects. The Construction parts, telecommunication equipment and insur-ance. Washington is demanding that goals be set for increasing Japanese imports of foreign goods and services, while Tokyo rejects the idea biggest contracts — central government projects valued at the equivalent of \$7.7 million or To subscribe in Switzerland more and projects sponsored by public corporations valued at \$25.7 million or more.

as involving excessive government interference A point system will be used for rating the

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## In a Quartet, Some Barbershop Disharmony

By Sheridan Morley International Herald Tribune

ONDON - "The Cavalcaders" of Billy Roche's new play are a barbershop quartet led by a fiftysomething shoemaker and surrounded by adulteries and infidelities and the weary guilt of men whose lives have gone wrong too fast. The play (at the Royal Court) flashes back to a happier and more innocent time of romantic meetings, but its conclusions are bleak

Roche's plays are earthbound, rooted in his native Wexford soil, and apparently very autobiographical. Here Roche himself appears

#### LONDON THEATER

as the pub singer he once was, and "The Cavalcaders" is at once a vaudeville and a memory play, redolent with regret and sharply aware of the bitter contrast between the resilient chirpiness of the songs and the lives of the singers.

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True, it takes a while for the non-Wexford ear to become attuned to the dialect, especially as the cast members seem to think they are playing a studio theater rather than a main stage. But as the evening unfolds, its panorama of small-town despair, traveling backward and forward through time to show us how wedding breakfasts soon become funeral feasts, it is clear that Roche has found a whole world in Wexford. These are clearly the people he grew up with, or extensions thereof, and their lives have been suffocated by the community where they have, often unfathomably, chosen to remain.

This is not a play that is driven by any real sense of drama. Tony Doyle and Aisling O'Sollivan are powerful in central roles, but their characters are still in search of a plot: "The Cavalcaders" is all

memory and no play.

Revue closed in the London theater with the coming of "Beyond kevue closed in the London theater with the coming of "Beyond the Fringe," circa 1960. Indeed, it is now so dead that a whole generation of post-"Fringe" theatergoers merely takes the word as a misspelling for "review," and assumes it has something to do with criticism or retrospective reflection. But revue had a long and honorable tradition from the André Charlot shows of the early 1920s across 30 years to the wheelchair-and-piano stool double of Flanders

and Swann.

It is that tradition, of the urbane singer-narrator and the reclusive pianist, that is revived at the Vandeville by Kit and the Widow in their "January Sale." Kit Hesketh-Harvey is the apparent leader of the duo, a sprightly, urbane satirist somewhere between Noël Coward and Tom Lehrer and ever-ready with such topical questions as: "What is white, plastic and dangerous to children?" (A Michael Jackson shopping bag.) The Widow is Richard Sissons, who started ont a decade ago as the dumb piano-playing partner but has now, like all good stooges, come out to perform center stage while his partner bitches from the wings.

Their targets range from a demented Mrs. Thatcher lamenting her

their targets range from a demented Mrs. Thatcher lamenting her successor ("Mad to Back the Boy") and the relics of her party: "Conservatives serving and imswervingly preserving, / Till there's nothing worth conserving to preserve." They also come up with a savage attack on Andrew Lloyd Webber musicals and a suddenly heart-stopping, heartbreaking lament for the victims of AIDS ("Light à Torch").

Unfashionable, politically incorrect and wonderfully reactionary in most other respects. Kit and the Widow are a stylich start to "M

in most other respects, Kit and the Widow are a stylish start to '94.

MPTY SPACE is an immensely versatile touring company (one of the few left, in fact) that specializes in a sen journalistic series of historical discoveries. A year ago its "Curse of the Pharaohs" was a triumphant small-scale archaeological treat about the 1920s opening of Egyptian tombs, but in Eleanor Zeal's. Breaking the Bank, at the Lyric Hammersmith they have, also, come up against union more intractable material. This is the story of John Law, who invented the notion of paper, money and managed in the process to bankrupt Louis XV's France, but it proves curiously difficult to stage and a manic production staged like a miniature "42nd Street" doesn't help.

The central problem here is a frantic amount of activity but no central action. The principal conceit of Eleanor Zeal's play is that Law was the first man to put money onto paper, rather then carve it onto coins, though this is debatable since the Romans were by no means unacquainted with the notion of shares. Historical quibbles aside, we are never told enough about Law to awaken any real interest in his fortunes or lack of them, which in itself is a considerable feat of underwriting since he was at various times a gambler and

a murderer as well as a financial genius... One fast chorus of "We're in the Money" will tell you as much about financial wheeling and dealing as is contained in the whole of a shaky entertainment that finishes up with a real deficit.



"Tensile Involvement" by the Nikolais and Murray Louis Dance company.

# The Legacy of Nikolais

By David Stevens ractional Herald Tribune

ARIS - Alwin Nikolais. who died last May at age 82, invented and was virtually the sole artisan of a unique form of choreographed total theater. He and his Nikolais Dance Theatre were for about four decades both part of, yet well ontside, the mainstream of American modern dance.

He did not become a dancer until he was an adult, and after having already become deeply involved in theater in many other forms in ado-

In any case he is not remembered as a dancer. He began in his youth as a piano accompanist for silent movies and for a while was also a puppeteer. He is remembered now as the conceiver, director, choreographer, composer (mostly via tape and electronics), and set, costume. and lighting designer for a series of theater pieces sometimes called abstract, although the word has to be handled with care.

Nikolais began coming to Europe around 1960, and regularly since 1968, the year he won the grand prize at the Paris Dance Festival. When the French established a national choreographic center at Angers in the late 70s, Nikolais was its first director. His place in the French dance scene was secured when Rolf Liebermann commissioned a full-eveis Opera. Indeed, his final resting place is to be Pere Lachaise ceme-

tery in Paris. In Nikolais's earliest pieces, the numan body was rarely seen, let alone in any emotionally charged way. They had titles like "Masks, Props and Mobiles" (1953) and "Kaleidoscope" (1956), and while many viewers found them interesting, they often questioned whether

they were dance. If these works of the '50s evoked any comparisons it was more likely with Oskar Schlemmer's Bauhaus creations or the early Russian Con-

primary connection with the mod- her status as one of the Paris comern dance world was through pany's most brilliant and wide-Hanya Holm and other exponents ranging performers. of German Expressionism. He took

what he wanted and invented the Not the least of the musical world's debt to Mstislav Rostro-The two programs just seen at the Palais Garnier in homage to povich is that since the beginning of his career as a cellist he has been the instigator or inspiration Nikolais concentrated on the early pieces, presented by the Nikolais and Murray Louis Dance compaof a large number of works for the instrument, beginning with Pro-kofiev and Shostakovich and inny, the amalgam of Nikolais's own troupe and that of his longtime cluding Britten, Boulez and Lutos-

caplia of the final movement.

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companion in life and art.
Two excerpts from "Masks, With the Orchestre de Paris he Props etc." — "Noumenon" and "Tensile Involvement" — still have has given the world premiere of Henri Dutillenx's Tout un monde the body hidden in flexible fabric, lointain" and the French premiere creating geometric forms or maof Krzysztof Penderecki's concerto. nipulating (and being manipulated He was the predictably intense soloist with the same orchestra, un-

by) long elastic ribbons. The full-evening "Imago," subti-tled "The City Curious" (1963), presents recognizable humans, albeit enclosed in strangely shaped costumes, and it is not hard to see in it a commentary on different levels of an organized urban soci-

"Tent" (1968) begins with a group exuberantly raising a tent and ends with the dancers being engulfed by their environment. Abstract they may be, but there is an emotional content to be discovered

One program also included what can be thought of as post-Nikolais solos choreographed by former Nikolais dancers and performed by Paris Opèra Ballet solists.

Murray Louis's "Dejà Vu," riginally danced by Louis himself, is a brilliant and sometimes hilarious exercise in the indepen dent functioning of a dancer's limbs and muscles. Patrick Dupond performed it splendidly, al-though with more self-absorption and less ironic detachment than Louis did.

"Don't Look Back" is a halfhour tour de force choreographed by Carolyn Carlson for Marie-Claude Pietragalla. It seems to portray a woman working out some severe identity problems en route to eventual liberation. It calls on all the resources of a virtuoso dancing structivist experiments. Yet, his actress, and Pietragalla confirmed

## A Hot Scene in Hamburg

By John Rockwell New York Times Service

AMBURG — The hor item right now in the German-speaking the-German-speaking and ater world is the Deutsches Schauspielhaus because of the arrival this season of Frank Banmbauer as its new intendant. Baumbauer, 48, comes from Mu-

nich and got started there and in Düsseldorf as a stage director. From 1983 to 1986 he was inten-dant at the Bavarian State Theater in Munich and, after a year in Switzerland, where be was in charge of the entire theatrical operation, including opera and dance. His arrival in Hamburg, and the

flurry of premieres he presented throughout the fall, has been big news in Germany, with articles in the national magazines and newspapers as well as in most of the major local papers. Baumbauer was seriously wooed by at least two other German cities before deciding on Hamburg, and be won conssions that bucked the prevailing

budget-cutting trend,
What be got, he said, was a
restoration of the city's subsidy to the level it had enjoyed in the late 1980s, adjusted for inflation. That means S22 million, for an overall budget of \$24 million, the difference made up mostly by the box office. In addition, Baumbauer won a budgetary increase that enabled him to hire seven more technicians and spend \$5 million for backstage improvements.

"People have lost faith in these big state theaters," he said. "What I am trying to bring here is the belief that one can run a theater of this size efficiently and effectively."

The Deutsches Schauspielhaus, with 1,300 seats the largest theater for spoken drama in the country, had fallen on evil days. A series of der Semyon Bychkov, in the star directors had tried to administer French premiere of Alfred the company but had been unable to schnittke's second concerto for cellor. The five-movement work is laid it began to be whittled away in the out in constant tension between the late '80s) or to maintain excellence out in constant tension between the solo instrument and the sometimes throughout the repertory.

calm, sometimes violent orchestra, By all accounts what distinguished Baumbauer's Basel tenure culminating in the imposing passawas his ability to create an ensemble spirit that attracted some of the As with Shostakovich, it is easy brightest lights among Germany's to see in this work a musical expresroving playwrights and directors. sion of the struggle of a dissident artist under Soviet restrictions. All And as a full-time administrator, he was able to devote his full attention the more so since the composer says the theme of the final moveto running the company.

"Honestly, it depends on the per-sonality," he said. "Strong personalment comes from music composed for a film, Elem Klimov's "Agony," which tells of "the final weeks of ities like Claus Peymann in Vienna, Russia before the long night that
Firgen Flimm at the Thalia, or Dieteigned for more than 70 years in
the history of this country."

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dant. Also, I enjoy it."

40 actors, but by the time Baum-bauer arrived, that had eroded to fewer than 25. He kept 10 of those, brought eight actors from Basel (along with five artistic and technical people) and hired 22 actors who wished to work with him.

The result has been a troupe that "has already proven itself spectacu-Stuttgart, served from 1988 to 1993 burg's leading cultural-listings mag-as director of the Basel Theater in azine. For his opening months, Baumbauer introduced new works by leading German playwrights, developed a provocative series of small-space and late-night experi-mental pieces, offered the first German production of the first part of Tony Kushner's "Angels in America," and brought in Leander Haussmann, the new young star among German stage directors, for Shakespeare's "Troilus and Cressida."

Although attendance, at 27 percent, has been strong, Baumbauer concedes that some of the interest may he simple curiosity. Critical response to the most prominent productions has been mixed. "Angels in America" attracted considerable attention, and Baumbauer's idea of entrusting it to Werner Schroeter, who has the most flamboyantly operatic, overtly homosexual sensibility among German

spend eight weeks in rehearsal. I 1900, but its brightest moments need the whole day just to he intenwhen the intendant was Gustaf Gründgens. Germany's most famished during the Nazi era, and become the subject of Klaus Mann's novel and Istvan Szabo's film, "Mephisto." Gründgen's 1957 production of "Faust" was so famous that the Schauspielhaus had

never dared to present another. lar competition for the Thalia," the Schauspielhaus's main Hamburg rischauspielhaus's main Hamburg rischauspielhaus's Faut topb Marthaler from Zurich to dischauspielhaus's Faut topb Marthaler from Zurich topb M Baumbauer solved that problem rect his "Roots of Goethe's Faust Parts 1 and 2." In a production of under three bours, Marthaler compacted key scenes from both parts of Goethe's tragedy, adding snippets of 19th-century German mu-sic, bits of other texts, and allusions to Christopher Marlowe and

> LL of this activity is part of Baumbauer's plan to emphasize the company's image, build its audience and shore up its reputation before new budgetary whittling, already being discussed, can take effect.

The idea is to give people something they can't get on TV," he said. "I want for the time being to present everything within this the-ater, and not elsewhere in the city. If we can get a profile in one or two years, then we can go out. What we stage directors, seemed a good one.

The Schauspielhaus was built in spielhaus visibility again."

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#### PARIS FASHION

# Ungaro's Once and Future Nostalgia

By Suzy Menkes
International Heroid Tribian

ARIS - Emanuel Ungaro took to the veils in a collection that created a distant dream. At Balmain. Oscar de la Renta's show was client-friendly. Hnbert de Givenchy's pretty show was orches-trated to perfect time.

That was symbolic, for the fourth day of the spring summer countre showings was all about timing not least from the clients. The two grandest entrances of the day were the Baroness di Porta Nova (in sable trimmed cape), stumbling into Givenchy as the dead-punctual show started, and sables-all-ove Nazek Harini, wife of the Lebanes s-ail-ove prime minister and coutme's most cosseted client, sweeping late into Ungaro's show as the awed crowd arted like the Red Sea.

Timing is everything in fashion. Last season, when he liquefied his firm silhouette, Ungaro caught a fashion moment. This season was more of not-quite-the-same. For the butterfly-wing chiffons fluitering over the body, the floating coats, languorous tumes and soft pants — decorated with some of the most beautiful workmanship in Paris - seemed to hark back to the early decades of this century when Paul Poiret created Thousand and One Nights exotical

Floating panels and hanging tas-sels (not to mention fancy headgear) do not correspond to modern life even though they were delicately done and the complex conture constructions were liberating to the body. The show lacked the fresh airneeded for a summer collection.

True, there was a lot of whiteincluding ravishing cream crepe, trimmed with tiny pearls or with lacy cutouts. And the show started with soft cream pajamas and night-shirts from the ready-to-wear line -a mistake, because it slowed the

pace of the collection. Once the haute conture got going, the show's thread led inexocably to the harem, with its sense of luxury that was done with a light hand yet still seemed overwhelming. Hand-



Ungaro's gold-patterned dress and embroidered jacket.

painted cashmere jackets over a cas-Bahmain conture show was played cade of chiffon and lace were the out in sweet-pea colors — pale nearest Ungaro got to clothes des-tined for the light of day.

The film star Alain Delon, sitting center from with the latest love of his life, summed up the show. If was very beamind in a par-seize way," he said, using the French word for a nostalgic re-

Laroche suit, disagreed. "It was fairy-like," she said. "It is good to in pastel print, worn predictably see a designer realize a dream." with pale hose and shoes and a If your idea of humry is some-

pink, blue, manve and stem green. Like those flowers, it made a pretty first impression that soon faded. Doesn't every potential conture

client already have the nice sum-mer suit in fondant colors, with short skirt, elongated jacket and a wisp of chiffon as a blouse? All the membrance of things past.

But Manie-Josephe Balladur, the Kempner through Princess Ghiswife of the French prime minister, laine de Polignac sat front row. In a brisk red and white check Guy. And maybe they have room in their closets for a prissy afternoon dress picture hat Neat little dresses thing that lives at the dry cleaner, raised the waist but not the fashion Oscar de la Renta is your man. His temperature.

made and vaguely in tune with modern times — if by that you mean serving up Marie Antoinette corsets, which came into fashion seven years ago via Vivienne Westwood to Chanel. For the rest: it was a classy cardigan over pale chiffon pants for dressing down; a fancy caftan (again) for a hostess at home; and some free-fall crepe columns that could have been the start of something good.

De la Renta was hired by Balmain.

not just to please from row ladies, but to add pizzazz to the house. From a Manhattan perspective, he probably thinks that it is a time to keep a low profile. But in haute conture that time never comes. Givenchy's collection shower the ripple effect of changing fashnot least because ruffles

trickled around wrists, flowed

across necklines and fell in a black organza cascade to make a tiered This softoess lapped at Givencby's signature silhouette: white frilled cuffs on a navy blouse worn with pants; ruffles edging a suit that was already broken up by

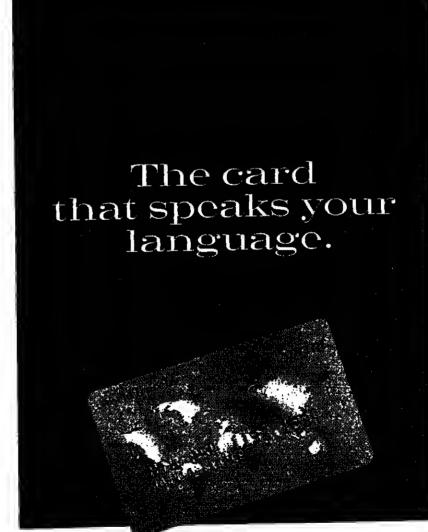
making the jacket in one color and

pants another. But would Givenchy give in to the flood of ugliness and disharmony sweeping over fashion? Never! Let other designers turn mis matched prints and clumpy footwear into an art form. Givenchy showed dainty flowered shoes that went with pretty Impressionist flowered dresses. So he introduced that once vulgar idea of dark hose with white shoes? Yves Saint Laurent had given that his imprimatur

The show - all powder-blue shanting pants, flower-print puff-sleeve dresses and a daisy-fresh yellow-and-white evening dress - was feminise, elegant and reassuring.

"Isn't it normal to want to make women look as pretty as possible -even prettier than they think they are?" Givenchy inquired after the

Just sometimes, in the crazy chaos of current fashion, it is nice to see someone putting the clock back



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By Richard Covington

With computer cursors flying, the first interna-

With computer cursors frying, the first interna-tional illustrated book and new media publishing market. Milia, got under way last weekend in Cannes with 3,500 participants from 40 countries flocking to the Palais des Congrès for a window on the future of multimedia. It is a business whose practitioners say is expected to approach \$3 this lion in annual sales by the end of the millenium.

Peter Gabriel, the rock and video star, said that people must have felt the same sort of excitement

at the birth of radio, television and the cinema."
Mr. Gabriel was on hand Sunday night to unveil a

collaboration with Apple Computer Inc. in CD-ROM, or visual compact disks, "The Explorer," Mr. Gabriel's interactive disk, allows viewers the

opportunity to piece together a jam session of digitized performance clips of various musicians and hear the results immediately.

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Traditional publishers did their best to prove that reports of the death of the book have been greatly enggerated. "Here is something more portable than a Powerbook and just as immediate," declared Pierre Marchand, chief executive of Gallimard's children's book division, as he pulled a paperback out of his pocket.

"Publishers should not be threatened by this provide hereaver that we are using are simply."

new media, because what we are using are simply new versions of the book," countered John Haw-kins, president of Dutch-based Philips Interactive Media Systems.

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## Poorer Countries: A Rich Market? Mideast and Africa Now Lure Adventurous Investors

By Erik Ipsen mat Herold Tribune LONDON — After posting double-digit and even triple-digit gains in 1993, invest-ments in the world's so-called emerging market are still maring ahead this year, and their frontier is being pushed still farther from the world's financial capitals.

"The push is on for ever more esoteric investments," Steven Bates, director of Flemings Investment Management in London,

If, as most accounts have it, stocks in Thailand and Malaysia got a bit ahead of themselves last year, how about Eastern En-rope, or the Middle East? The Palestine Liberation Organization and Israel may still have a lot of differences to iron out, but international investors have already declared lasting peace a fait accompli in the region and rushed

in with money to spend.

"Jordan is an incredible play right now,"
insisted Daniel Smaller, an executive director at Lehman Brothers' emerging-markets unit in London. He predicted the market would double - when and if the embargo against Iraq, traditionally Jordan's largest trading partner, is lifted.

Trading in debt of the emerging markets has taken a similarly exotic turn, with prices of foreign loans of Argentina and Mexico having moved up to the point where there is little room left for further appreciation.

"We call them emerging markets fixed-income products," one London fund manager said. It is a mouthful, but it sounds a lot better than saying "Third World debt." Early last year, holders of the old foreign-bank debt of Ivory Coast were lucky to be

able to unload the stuff at 10 cents on the dollar. This year, it is going for 34 cents on the dollar, having soared 8 cents last week

"Assets that last year you could not move for love or money are this year's vogue," said Howard Snell, director of emerging markets at Swiss Bank Corp. in London, cring debt of Sudan and Nicaragua as well as Ivory Coast. He said such debt was popular whether the

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Howard Snell, director of emerging markets at Swiss Bank Corp. in London

countries have any known means or plans to pay off their debts or not.

In the heady if not always logical world of emerging-markets investing, last year's un-touchables have become this year's undervalued icons. In 1993 an estimated \$1 trillion of emerging-market debt changed hands in a market centered on London and New York. This year, many people expect that figure to

The story is as much one of money supposedly trying, in the popular phrase of the moment, "to find a home," as it is a bet oo the companies or economies involved, "If you

look at the fondamentals and not the flow of funds, you will miss half of what the market is about," said Nigel Melville, a director at Baring International Finance.

Simply put, slow growth and low inflation in the developed world mean that returns there are puny in comparison to the vibrant emerging-market economies. If the Mexican or Turkish stock markets look a bit expensive now, so do those of America or Germany. But the first two at least are underpinned by relatively rapidly growing economies.

The problem is that the emerging markets are also inherently riskier, more volatile and harder to get out of when times get tough. That problem is exacerbated by investors' latest thrust into ever-smaller and seemingly cheaper markets in search of increasingly scarce triple-digit returns.

"There is a hosepipe of international hquidity focused on these markets," said Mr. Bates of Flemings. "They are not being driven by the same investment logic that holds in other markets."

One of the underpinnings of the emergingmarket phenomenon is that the market has now taken its place as a separate so-called asset class, which means that large institutions intent on having diversified portfolios will find it indispensable to hold some emerging-market debt and equity. And even a tiny slice of some of the higgest institutional funds represents a buge amount of money.

Others insist that for all the immense gains run up in emerging markets in recent months,

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# **JAL Says Cuts** Are the Price Of Its Survival

By Steven Brull tional Herald Tribune

TOKYO - The announcement by Japan Air Lines on Tuesday that it was cutting its work force and slashing capital spending was a blunt acknowledgement that it could no longer compete against leaner carriers in the United States and Southeast Asia without major changes to its bloated operating structure.

Aiming to stem losses averaging nearly \$1 million a day, Japan's largest international airline said it would cut its work force by 5,000, or 23 percent, and reduce capital spending by nearly half over the

oext four years.

Even though international traffic from Japan has been rising since last autumn, prices for tickets here have fallen as the recession has lead many business passengers to opt for cheaper seats in the back of the plane. International competition. meanwhile, is set to intensify with the opening of the Kansai International Airport later this year.

"We have to create a company which can survive in the current economic covironment," said Geoffrey Tudor, a JAL spokesman.

Under the restructuring plan. which JAL hopes will trim operat-ing costs by 100 billion yen (\$900 million) annually and allow the company to break even in the year through March, 1995, staffing will be reduced from 22,000 to 17,000. The downsizing is far deeper than anticipated just one year ago, when JAL planned to cut fewer than 1,000 over the same period. The through attrition, buyouts and reduced hiring.

bypass its powerful labor unions by shifting additional traffic to Japan Air Charter, a subsidiary staffed by crews based in Thailand and Ha-waii that receive 40 percent less pay, JAL hopes to transfer as much as 20 percent of its international traffic to JAC. In November, the

percent of the total, would eventu-

ally comprise 30 percent. Beginning in 1996. JAL also will do some of its maintenance in Chioa, where it took a 10 percent stake in a maintenance center last year.

The carrier also aims to expand its network in the highly protected domestic market, where fares and margins are higher. JAL aims to capture one-third of domestic traffic, which would contribute 40 percent of its total revenue, compared with 30 percent now.

The airline also plans to trim its

capital investment by 400 billion yen through the 1997 business year. Over the period, JAL will purchase 28 aircraft, 6 fewer than planned just one year ago. In addition, the fleet will include a greater number of small aircraft for short-haul domestic routes.

News of the restructuring plan beloed pushed JAL stock up by 10 yen to 640 on Tuesday,

Industry analysts were divided oo whether the restructuring could bring JAL back to profit. The airline forecasts a parent pretax loss of 30 billion yen for the business year eodiog March 31, which would be its third straight year of

"This is enough to help them into the black next year." Robert Row-land, an airline analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, told Bloomberg Business News. "It's not a certainly, but they have a fighting

■ TAP Accepts Bailout Plan The beleaguered Portuguese national airline TAP has accepted a methods, however, are unchanged: government restructuring proposal cuts will be achieved chiefly that would inject 180 billion escudos (\$1 billion) into the debt-rid-At the same time, JAL will try to turing plan, The Associated Press reported from Lisbon.

Uoder the plan, the government would assume the flag carrier's debts and would finance predicted short-term losses over the next three years while striving to cut operating costs.

TAP's current deficit is reported

## **Chrysler Profit Exceeds Expectations**

HIGHLAND PARK, Michigan - Chrysler Corp. said Tuesday that a 14 percent gain in sales and maker ended 1993 with record fullyear profit of \$2.4 billion -its best in history and almost five times 1992 levels.

Chrysler's latest quarterly earnings of \$2.11 a share rose sharply from the \$356 million, or \$1.12 a share, earned in the final quarter of 1992. Worldwide fourth-quarter revenue rose 18 percent, to a record absence from the weak European market that strengthened the No. 3

year equipped with CD-ROM drives and a total of 45 million predicted by 1996, there is some cause to think that CD-ROM or Philips CD-I players will tempt even the most loyal readers of books. That is

particularly the case since the cost for the disks has

dropped to the \$50 range.

Satify Chahil, Apple vice president for new media, threw down the gauntlet in a cost comparison between the book and CD-ROM versions of the

photographer Rick Smolan's From Alice to Ocean," recounting a camel trek across the Austra-lian outback. "The book costs \$10 to produce,"

Mr. Chabil said, "and the CD-ROM costs \$1. The

book contains 100 photos; the CD has 300. The

book takes weeks or more to reproduce; you can

have a copy of the CD in eight minutes."

In addition, the CD allows the viewer to call up a

postcard-sized video insert of the photographer

commenting on how he shot his pictures. (That, by the way, is a pixel person — a film image transformed into tiny video dots for computer presentation.)

Despite Mr. Chahil's comparison, development of CD-ROM titles does not come cheap; costs range from \$300,000 to \$1 million per creation. According to Michael Backes, screenwriter on "Rising Sun" and multimedia entrepreneur, in coming years individual games will cost up to \$10 million to develop—producers can afford such sums because of the

"One single game — Streetlighter II' — made \$1.5 billion last year," Mr. Backes said. "Nothing not even 'Jurassic Park,' touched that success in the entertainment business."

Also at the Milia market, the Voyager company demonstrated an interactive version of Macbeth that allowed viewers to record themselves playing

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the most optimistic forecasts by Wall Street analysts. Chrysler was expected to earn between \$1.15 and sharp drop in marketing costs \$1.85 a share for the quarter. boosted fourth-quarter net income Chrysler stock jumped 87.5 cents to to a record \$777 million. The car- close at \$62,625 a share, and was one of the most active U.S. issues.

> "It's another tremendous quarter for them," said Jeff Schappe, an auto analyst with Conseco Capital Management in Indianapolis.

> next step is to increase its European

**Paramount** 

Weighs New

Viacom Bid

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - Paramount

Communications Inc. said Tuesday

its board would meet this week to

consider a revised takeover offer

from Viacom Inc.
Viacom said earlier in the day it had raised its bid for Paramount,

increasing the cash portion of its offer for 50.1 percent of the movie

and entertainment company to

more likely that the Viacom Class

B stock being offered for the rest of Paramount would be worth at least \$48 a share by issuing "contingent

value rights."
It said its increased bid was

worth \$10.5 billion, representing an increase of more than \$800 million from its latest bid, made Jan. 7. It

said the cash element was \$120 millien larger than it was before. Viacom, an entertainment and

communications company, said its bid included \$900 million more in cash than the rival bid being of-

Traders and analysts said the new cash and stock offer was worth as much as \$83.50 a share.

While that was lower than their assessment of QVC's offer — about

\$84.60 a share — the Viacom bid includes more cash and guarantees

a minimum value for its stock.
(AFX, Bloomberg, Reuters)

fered by QVC Network Inc.

Viacom said it also had made it

\$107 a share from \$105.

U.S. automaker'a overall operations last year.

"In the long run, European expo- product linearp in history." sore is necessary," Mr. Schappe said. "They also can't make any mis-

Last year's fourth quarter was good to American banks, Page 12. takes in the product area. They have

scenario," Nicholas Lobaccaro, ing changes. Including the noncash anto analyst with S.G. Warburg & charges, Chrysler lost \$2.55 billion. Co. in New York, said. "They may or \$7.62 a share for 1993.

have \$8 billion in the bank, a fully funded pension plan and its best Chrysler's "break-even,"

point at which the company covers its fixed costs and starts making money, fell to almost 1.6 million vehicles in 1993, from 1.9 million vehicles in 1991, Mr. Valade said.

been scoring one hit in each major segment of the market, but I don't billion, or \$6.77 a share, compare with 1992 earnings of \$505 million, Mr. Schappe said that Chrysler's they have the product depth yet."

or\$1.47 a share, both before mandament step is to increase its European

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## **Earnings Reports** Lift Broad Market

NEW YORK - Stock prices gained Tuesday on the broad mar-

ket as Chrysler Corp. and leading banks reported strong quarterly earnings and interest rates fell.

"People have seen what amounts to very favorable earnings reports," and the bond market hasn't reacted negatively to signs of economic

#### N.Y. Stocks

strength, said Joseph DeMarco, managing director of equity trad-ing at Marinvest, a unit of HSBC Asset Management The Dow Jones Industrial Aver-

age closed unchanged at 3,870,29 points after having been up for most of the day. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index advanced 0.95 to 474.25. The Nasdaq Combined Composite Index added 0.84 to 793.02, breaking last Friday's record of 792.31.

More than five stocks rose for every four that fell on the New York Stock Exchange, where vol-ume was a heavy 308 million

U.S. Treasury boods gained for the first time in four sessions as commodity prices declined, damping concern inflation. The benchmark 30-year bond rose 17/32 to yield 6.26 percent, down from 6.30 percent on Monday.

reaching a three-year high Mon-West Texas Intermediate crude oil for delivery next month lell 23 cents to \$14.87 a barrel. Unexpectedly strong earnings

from Chrysler, which said fourth-quarter net income surged to \$2.11 a share from \$1.12 a share a year ago, raised expectations that Ford Motor Co. and GM would also post better-than-expected profits.
All three U.S. automakers

reached 52 week highs. Chrysler rose % to 62%. Ford added 44 to 68% and GM gained 1% to 62. You had a blowout quarter come out of Chrysler, and that helped cyclicals, certainly those that are auto-related," said Philip Orlando, an equity portfolio man-ager at First Capital Advisers. Many of the largest U.S. banks

reported large earnings increases, although some saw their share prices retreat after recent rallies. Investors are concerned about the Federal Reserve increasing rates over the next few quarters. that's created an artificial black cloud or ceiling over financial stocks," Mr. Orlando said.

Citicorp rose 1/2 to 411/4 and Chase Manhattan gained ¼ to 35¾. But Wells Fargo fell 2% to 133% after setting a 52-week high and Chemical Banking Corp. lost 1 to

#### German Rate Outlook **Undermines Dollar**

NEW YORK - The dollar fell Tuesday against the Deutsche mark and other major currencies amid speculation that the Bundesbank will refrain from cutting interest rates after its biweekly meet-

#### Foreign Exchange

ing on monetary policy this Thursday.

Many traders had been expecting the central bank to reduce rates in a bid to jump start Germany's sluggish economy. Now, the Bundesbank's reluctance to see the mark weaken against the dollar and other currencies may dash those hopes, the traders said.

Ninety percent of currency traders are expecting the Bundes-bank to do nothing this week," said Kevin Lawrie, foreign exchange manager at Mellon Bank in Pitts-

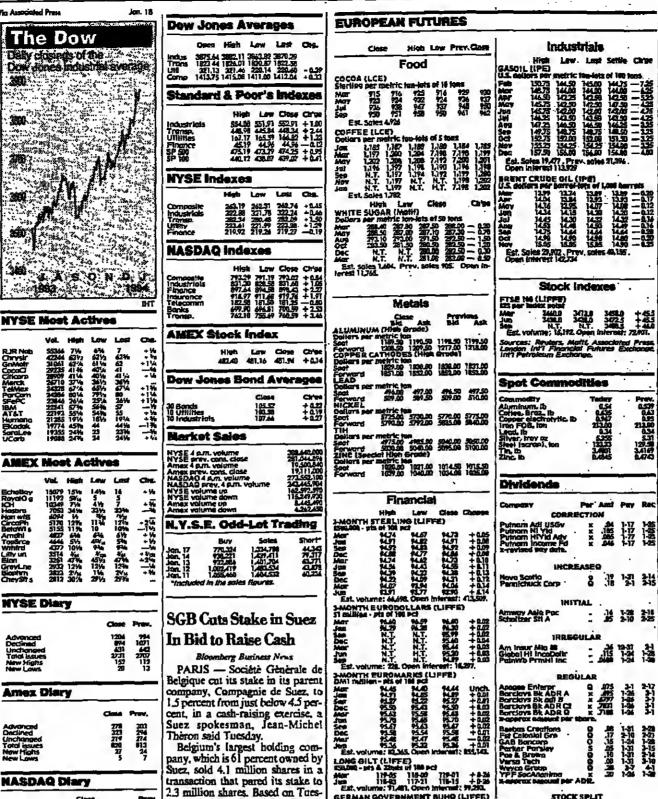
The dollar finished at 1,7465 DM, down from 1.7525 DM on Monday. The dollar also slipped to 110.79 yen from 111.135 yen, to 1,4620 Swiss francs from 1.4750 francs and to 5.9335 Freuch francs from 5.9475 francs.

The pound finished at \$1.4960. up from \$1.4935.

The Bundesbank is bound by its constitution to maintain the stability of the German currency. Last week, traders said, the bank sold dollars for marks to try to slow a swoon that has sent the mark down 10 percent against the dollar in

three months. A rate cut could weaken the mark even more by making deposits in German banks less attractive Germany's discount rate is 5.75 percent, compared with 3 percent in the United States. Some traders sold dollars Tues

day after the Bundesbank reiterat ed its commitment to keeping the



## U.S./AT THE CLOSE

Lilly to Shed Units, Focus on Drugs INDIANAPOLIS (Bloomberg) — Eli Lilly & Co. said Tuesday it would jettison its nine medical device and diagnostic units to concentrate

Two small companies based in San Diego will be sold. Lilly said it hasn't on its drug business. decided whether the others will be taken public, spun off, or sold.

The nine companies, with estimated 1993 sales of \$1.3 billion, make everything from paccmakers and catheters to tests for prostate cancer. Analysts said the move had been talked about since November and could add more than \$2 billion to the company's balance sheet.

## Grumman to Close Long Island Plants

HAUPPAUGE, New York (Bloomberg) — Grumman Corp. plans to close five Long Island plants, lay off 500 people and reduce its manufacturing office and warehouse space 30 percent to save \$600 million over next three years, the company announced Tuesday.

The changes will result in a nexter change of phone \$25 million.

The changes will result in a pretax charge of about \$85 million against 1993 carnings. Most of the charge is related to fixed assets and won't affect Grumman's "substantial cash position," the company said.

#### Northwest Air to Raise \$400 Million

MINNEAPOLIS (Combined Dispatches) — Northwest Airlines Corp. said Tuesday it had filed an initial public offering of 20 million common shares that would raise about \$400 million of new equity in the first

Northwest Airlines, the fourth-largest U.S. airline, has been struggling under the \$3 billion of debt remaining from its 1989 leveraged buyont. It had been expected to raise additional capital since late July. (Blaomberg, AP)

#### McDonald's Sets Big Stock Buyback

OAK BROOK, Illinois (Bloomberg) — McDonald's Corp. said Tuesday it plans to buy back as much as \$1 billion of its common stock during the next three years, primarily using excess cash flow.

"We believe that common share repurchase is an excellent means of

improving returns for common shareholders and have repurchased \$2.2 billion of our common stock over the past 10 years," said . Greenberg, vice chairman and chief financial officer. The restaurant chain's shares closed at \$57.50, up 62.5 cents.

#### Bloomberg, CBOT to Trade Bonds

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Board of Trade and Bloomberg Financial Products said Tuesday they would develop an electronic trading system for government securities in a deal that would make the futures exchange also a marketplace for cash Treasury bonds and bills.

The deal also would add government securities trading to Bloomberg's financial information services. Bloomberg's larger competitors, Reuters Holdings PLC and Dow Jones Telerate, currently offer some form of

electronic trading in government securities.

The CBOT chairman, Patrick Arbor, said the system wouldn't include futures and options. But he kinted those products might be added should the Board of Trade be forced out of Glober, a struggling electronic-trading system for futures and options owned by CBOT, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and Reuters.

#### New Technology to Expand Solar Use

WASHINGTON (Renters) — A joint government-industry effort has produced a new type of energy gathering material that could halve the cost of electrifying homes by solar power, the government said Tuesday.

The thin film can look like conventional shingles to replace large, unsightly solar panels on homes and can be used in glass panels in commercial buildings, the Energy Department said. The technology resulted from a project by United Solar Systems Corp., a joint effort of Canon Inc., the business machines and camera manufacturer, and Energy Conversion Devices of Troy, Michigan.

#### Oryx Omits Payout, Cuts Spending

DALLAS (Bloomberg) - Oryx Energy Co, said Tuesday it suspended its quarterly dividend and cut its 1994 capital spending by 20 percent to cope with lower crude oil prices.

The independent oil and natural gas producer said it would cut its 1994 capital budget to about \$370 million from \$460 million last year. The 10 cent quarterly dividend, which was cut from 30 cents a share in June 1992, won't be paid until "market conditions warrant," the company said:

#### For the Record

Fleating Con. said it would cut 2,000 jobs, or 9 percent of its work force, and take a fourth-quarter pretax charge of \$101 million. (Knight-Ridder)
Sprint International Inc. announced a plan to develop local telephone networks in Poland involving an investment of \$120 million. (AP)

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The U.S. International Trade Commission opened investigations of U.S. Canada farm trade, the first steps toward restricting imports of Canadian peanut products and durum wheat.

## Citicorp and Other Banks Report Stellar 4th Quarter Earnings

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Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK — Several major U.S. banks reported strong gains in 1993 fourth quarter earnings Tuesday, topping off what many executives said would be re-

membered as a banner year. Citicorp, the largest U.S. bank, said it earned \$575 million, or \$1.06 per share, for the three months to Dec. 31, up from \$280 million, or 53 cents a share, a year earlier. Citicorp said its full-year net profit soured to \$2.2 billion in 1993 from \$722 million in

1992. Other banks reporting Tuesday bad impressive full-year gains, as well. Analysts said the stellar earnings were due in part to the fall in U.S. interest rates.

which increased bank margins from already-booked loans and helped banks dispose of troubled loans and foreclosed real

Chase Manhattan Corp. said it earned \$313 million, or \$1.53 per share, for the fourth quarter, compared with \$169 mil-lion, or 87 cents a share, a year earlier.

Chemical Banking Corp. reported earnings of \$347 million, or \$1.23 per share, for the fourth quarter, up from \$304 million. San Francisco-based Wells Fargo & Co. reported fourth quarter carnings of \$190 million, or \$3.18 a share, up from \$58

million, or 83 cents, a year earlier.

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# Bundesbank Pledges Caution On Rate Cuts

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FRANKFURT — The Bundesbank said Tuesday it would not be forced into easing monetary policy solely to rescue the German economy, but some analysts still see a good chance that German interest rates will come down this week

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In its January report, the central bank said it would continue to use carefully any room for rate changes that emerged from economic and monetary developments.

"A policy of forced interest-rate cuts motivated by economic policy is just as much out of the question as is the attempt to find a solution for German economic problems in a mark devaluation brought about by interest-rate cuts," it said.
"The Bundesbank will, as it has

done so far, carefully sound out room for maneuver on interest rates that emerges from the macroeconomic environment." The bank's central council is due

to hold its regular biweekly meeting Thursday to review policy, in-chading interest-rate levels.

The primary task for monetary nolicy is to return to price stability, the Bundesbank said. "In this way it lays the foundation for lasting growth and contributes toward protecting Germany as an industrial location," it said.

Some economists expect the Bundesbank to lower interest rates at this week's council meeting even the Bundesbank board members though the mark is at its lowest level against the dollar in two-and-a-half years. The German currency is trading at about 1.75 to the dollar.

money supply and inflation to see whether an easing can be justified. "A falling mark is no problem as

long as it falls slowly," Norbert Brams, economist at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, said.

■ Pöhl Aide to Get Post A former key aide to Karl Otto Pohl, once the Bundesbank president, has been chosen to become a member of the central bank's directorate, government sources said.

The sources said Gerd Hausler, 42, head of the Bundesbank's credit department, was likely to succeed Gunter Storch, who is to retire at the end of February.

Mr. Storch, who turns 68 early next month, is responsible for staff and administration on the board. Both Mr. Häusler and Mr. Storch have links to the Free Democratic Party, junior member of the governing coalition in Bonn. Mr. Häusler has risen quickly at

Pohl's office, he led the central kets division and then became a head of department, one rank below board member.

the Bundesbank. After heading Mr.

At the credit department, Mr. Hausler is responsible for moneymarket operations and developments on the capital markets. .. Together with the presidents of Germany's regional central banks,

make up the central bank council, which makes decisions on monetary policy every other Thursday. The Bundesbank had no com-

But others predict the central ment on Mr. Häusler's possible apbank will hold rates steady for now, pointment.

# IMI Seeks Higher Profile

How to Lure Small Investors to Share Offer?

MILAN - The average Giovanni or Giulia doesn't know much about Istituto Mobiliare Italiano. And that presents a challenge to the government. When the government sold its stake in Credito Italiano SpA last month, much of the 1.75 trillion lire (\$1.05 billion) paid out for shares came from individual investors who had their savings or

checking accounts at that well-known retail bank. But IML in which the Italian Treasury will sell a one third share starting on Jan. 31, isn't a retail bank and has little name recognition. That's the problem for the government, which is committed to broaden

ing the ownership of Italian business and industry. "IMI doesn't carry the same sort of household name as Credito," said Michael Ierubino, an analyst at Murchio SIM, a Milan brokerage. "Credito seems

to have a branch on every street corner and village." If the ordinary investor is unexcited about IMI, however, some mutual and pension funds in Italy and overseas say that they find it interesting.

Unlike other large Italian banks, IMI relies less on traditional lending for its revenue and more on fund management, investment banking and securi-ties trading. It is, wrote John Leonard, a banking analyst at Salomon Brothers Inc. in New York, the closest thing in Italy to a J.P. Morgan & Co. or a Bankers Trust, referring to U.S. banks that have moved away from traditional lending.

"It will be a completely new sort of animal on the Milan stock market," said Francesco Ricciulli. an analyst at Carnegie International in London.

Allan Raphael, a fund manager at S. Aruhold & Bleichroeder in New York, said he spurned Credito's shares because he already held stock in several Italian banks and didn't want to add to his hra exposure. But he said he almost certainly will buy into IMI because be finds its large fundmanagement operations and high-quality loan

IMI has become Italy's largest stock and bond broker through its Sige investment bank subsidiary, and the bank is expanding its life insurance operations. It is also Italy's largest mutual fund manager, with about 20 percent of the market, double that of its closest competitor, the RAS SpA insurance group. It is likely to gain market share, efforts to foster the creation of pension funds.
"IMI's the biggest distributor of mutual funds in

Italy, and that's a great position to be in because at some point Italy will have to reform its pension-fund system," Mr. Raphael said. The difficulty for the government, analysts add.

is to make the general public aware of the bank's potential for earnings growth.

Last week, the Italian Treasury said that at least 75 million of the 200 million shares of IMI it plans to sell will be reserved for individual investors. Another 25 million are slated for Italian institu-

tions, with 65 million for overseas investors and 5 million for IMI employe The Treasury also said that to sell IMI, it will use television advertising for the first time in its privatization program. For the sale of Credito, the

'It will be a completely new sort of animal on the Milan stock market.'

Francesco Ricciulli, Carnegie International

sovernment used only billboard and print ads. relying on the bank's name recognition. Mr. Ierebino said that the Treasury has been a bit lethargic about pitching the IMI issue to individuals. Institutional interest is secure, he said,

"but they are going to have to get moving on the promotional side. And the price will have to be on the low end of the range. The Treasury has said that the issue price will be between 9.800 lira and 11.000 lire a share. The government will disclose the actual price on Jan. 29, just two days before the issue. Mr. Ierubino said he estimates fair market value to be about

10,350 lire a share. IMI shares are planned for listing on the Milan, London and New York stock exchanges.

IMI is currently half-owned directly by the Treasury. The rest is split among 64 financial institutions, none of which currently break a 10 percent limit that IMI will impose on all future

## **Profit Falls** 85% at Unit Of Thyssen

ESSEN, Germany - Thyssen Industrie, the car-parts and capitalgoods unit of the steel giant Thyssen AG, said Tuesday that profit had plunged 85 percent in its latest business year because of the cost of laying off staff and the recession in the German car-parts industry.

Profit for the year ended Sept. 30 fell to 31.7 million Deutsche marks (\$18.1 million) from 211.5 million DM a year earlier. Revenue fell almost 7 percent, to 8.1 billion DM.

Thyssen Industrie had predicted a rough ride, but profit fell further than had been expected, Chief Executive Eckhard Rohkamm said. Mr. Rohkamm said the profit figure was after 177 million DM of

charges linked to recent job cuts.

The company reduced its work

force by 4.7 percent in the reporting year, to 44,867. Orders fell less severely than profit, indicating that lower prices were

part of the reason for reduced earnings. Orders were off 9 percent, to 7.7 billion DM, in the 1992-93 year. The fall in orders was due largely to reduced domestic demand for car

■ Porsche Has Record Loss Porsche AG reported Tuesday the biggest annual loss in its history, but management said the company's results were improving,

Reuters reported. Porsche's group loss for the year ended July 31 came to 238,8 million DM, compared with a loss of 65.8

million DM the previous year, The management board chair-man, Wendelin Wiedeking, said Porsche's six-month loss for the current financial year was expected to be 115 million DM, compared

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 Hoechst AG plans to cut up to 2,000 jobs in its fiber business at 14 West European sites by the end of next year.

Trenhand, the German privatization agency, said it would sell 60 percent of the steelmaker Eko Stahl AG to Riva Prodotti Siderurgici SpA of Italy and keep a 40 percent stake itself; terms were not disclosed.

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. Hagemeyer NV, a Dutch trading concern controlled by First Pacific Co. of Hong Kong, said it expected to report a net profit for 1993 of about 161 million guilders (\$82 million), up more than 50 percent from 1992. · French industrial output in December continued a recovery noted in

November but is likely to stabilize during the next few months, the Bank of France said after a survey of business executives. The Danish central bank lowered its discount rate 0.25 percentage point

to 5.75 percent, effective Wednesday. Pizenske Pivovary, the Czech Republic's largest brewery, is expected to

reclaim its famous trademark, Pizensky Prazdroj or Original Pilsner, under an agreement with the government, the brewer's former owner, The European Union approved a venture between Sneema of France and TI Group PLC of Britain to produce aircraft landing gear.

## Elf Rushes Profit Report, Sale Looks Imminent

Compiled by Our Stoff From Dispatches

PARIS - Societe Nationale Elf Aquitaine announced Tuesday an 82 percent plunge in consolidated net profit for 1993, clearing the decks for an imminent sale to the public, ana-

The widely expected fall, to 1.1 billion French francs (\$190 million) from 6.2-billion tfrancs in 1992, came after one-time charges of 2.0 billion francs and was in line with a forecast made by Chairman Philippe Jaffré in November.

The fact that the company reported earnings several weeks before they are normally due sent the stock up 9.80 francs to close at 408 francs a share on the prospect of a rapid privatization.

brokerage Transbourse, According to French press reports, on which the Economy Ministry declined to comment, the sale could start as early as Monday. Economy Minister Edmond Alphandery said this month that Elf would be sold in the next few

Excluding nonrecurring items, consolidated profit fell 47 percent in 1993 to 3.1 billion frames, from 5.8 billion frames in 1992. Elf lald the blame for the slump in profit on the worsening economic situation, particularly in Europe, and the steep drop in oil prices.

The 1993 nonrecurring charges included 1.5

blocks, "said Patrick Legnil, head of research at certain North Sea oil and gas assets. They also included provisions for restructuring the company's chemical business and a write-down of financial portfolio investments.

(Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder) ■ Indosuez Chief to Head AGF

Antoine Jeancourt-Galignani, chairman of ment said Tuesday, according to news agency reports. His move from a publicly traded com-

Banque Indosuez, has been named chairman of Assurances Générales de France, the governpany - Indosuez is a unit of Compagnie de Suez — is seen as helping pave the way for a rapid sell-off of the state-owned insurer.

#### **DEBT:** Investors Hunt Hot Spots Continued from Page 11

ing markets for CS First Boston, that in the 19th century and up to says spreads between interest rates on U.S. Treasury securities and those on debt of many large Latin American governments fell by a improvement in those governments' credit quality as much as it does investor demand for their paper.

While the massive flows of capital to the emerging markets may

#### likely to depress growth in the in-dustrial world and to raise risks of most are still not overvalued. financial instability, others say it is Felix Robyns, the head of emerg- old hat. Baring's Mr. Melville says

the start of World War I, such flows were the norm. It was, he said, a phenomenon that merely had been interrupted but he insists that this reflects the until recently by the rise of communism in parts of the developing world and by widespread exchange controls elsewhere.

"You could say we are just returning to the natural order of things," Mr. Melville suggested.

#### **MAI Bids for Anglia TV**

ish investment group, on Tuesday launched an agreed takeover bid for Anglia Television Group PLC. England on the ITV network.

shareholders at least 637 pence licenses in place of one. (\$9.49) a share in cash and stock, valuing the company at £292 million (\$435 million). MAI said Anglia management had recommended shareholders accept the offer.

Anglia shares jumped 180 pence LONDON - MAI PLC, a Brit- to close at 662 pence on the Lon-

don Stock Exchange.

The takeover bid is the third in the sector since November, when which broadcasts to southeastern the British government said it ngland on the ITV network would allow regional ITV compa-MAI said it was offering Anglia nies to control two broadcasting

Carlton Communications PLC bas already taken over Central Independent TV, and LWT Holdings PLC is fighting a hosule bid from Granada Group PLC.

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# MEDIA: A Dazzling, Disorienting Voyage Through Multimedia Land

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Turner Broadcasting Systems
Inc. previewed a "Gettysburg" CD that lets viewers alter the course of the battle, while Canal Plus's MediaLab showcased a tour of the Chuny Abbey, destroyed in the 17th

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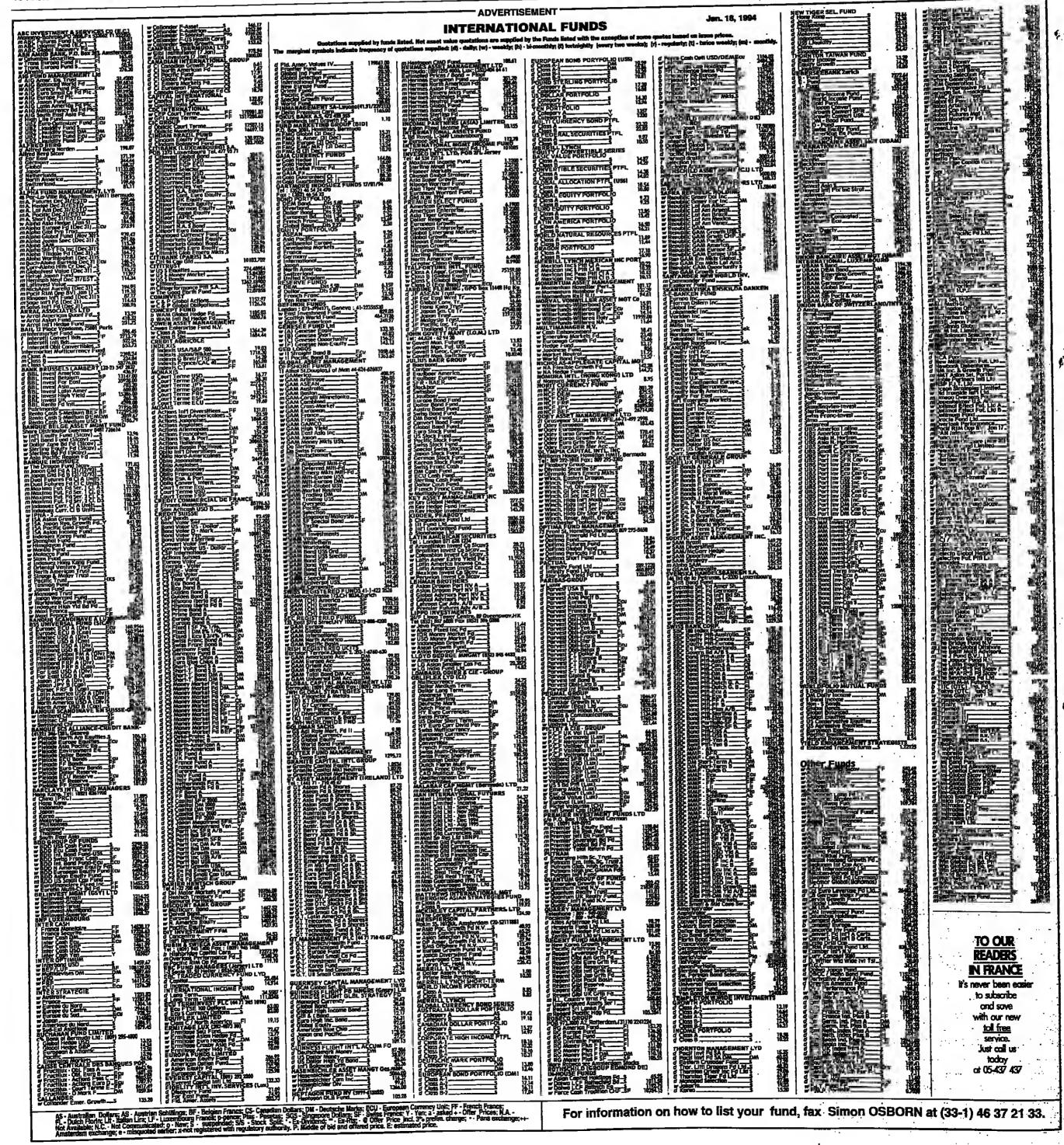
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Musical programs of all sorts abounded, with Smithsonian's two companies and advertising markets. The Olivetti system, the musicans themselves giving the musicans themselves giving what you watch and then choses what programs to watch for you so you don't have to work too hard. It's not out yet, but our work-

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# **S&P Lowers** Japan Brokers' Credit Ratings

TOKYO - Citing the weakness of Japan's stock market. Standard & Poor's Corp. on Tuesday lowered its credit ratings for Japan's top

four brokerages.
The U.S. rating agency said the downgrade applies to all affiliates, foreign and domestic, of the four— Daiwa Securities Co., Nikko Securities Co., Nomura Securities Co. and Yamaichi Securities Co. S&P said it believed the securi-

ties industry in Japan would "continue to be negatively affected by low market turnover and limited: new equity offerings."
S&P also said liberalization of financial markets in Japan will increase pressure on profit margins. The brokerages' current profit forecasts for the year ending March

#### H.K. Paper Sets Feb. 1 Launch

HONG KONG - Hong Kong's new English-language newspaper plans to hit the streets on Feb. 1 with an initial print run of 83,000, executives:

said on Tuesday. The Eastern Express had announced a launch date of Jan. 20. Journalists at the pa-per said the delay was caused by teething problems with the

computer system. .. The new paper will challenge the supremacy of the 90-year-old South China Morning Post, which has daily circulation of 110,000 and is considered one of the world's most profitable 31 sange between 22 billion yen (\$198 million) for Yamaichi and 70 billion yen for Nommra. But the brokerages based the forecasts on an estimated average volume on the Tokyo market of 450 billion yen a day between April 1, 1993 and this March 31, and so far, volume has

averaged only 360 billion yen a day. In December, the Finance Ministry lifted a three-year ban on publicly traded companies' selling new starcs. But only about 30 compa-nies qualify to sell shares under new restrictions introduced when the ban was abolished.

Daiwa Securities' abort-term debt rating was lowered to A-1 from A-I-plus. Daiwa has no outstanding long-term debt to rate, the

The senior long-term debt rating on Nikko Securities was lowered to A from A-plus. Nikko's short-term debt rating was lowered to A-I from A-I-plus.

Nomerra's senior long-term debt rating was lowered to AA from AA-pins, S&P said Nomura's short-term debt rating of A-I-plus will remain unchanged.

The senior long-term debt rating on Yamaichi was lowered to Aminus from A. The short-term rating was lowered to A-1 from A-2.

m Bankruptcies Eased in '93 The number of corporate bankruptcies in Japan fell in 1993 for the first time in three years, but a record 60 percent of the cases were cansed by recession, a private credit research organization said Tresday, according to an Associated

Press dispatch from Tokyo.

Teikoku Data Bank Ltd. said bankruptcies by companies with liabilities of more than 10 million yen fell by 0.9 percent from a year

earlier to 14,041 cases in 1993.

## U.S. Takes New Japan Trade Tack Direct Talks With Companies Aim to Break Stalemate

By Andrew Pollack New York Times Service

TOKYO - After months of fruitless trade negotiations with the Japanese government, the Chaton administration is taking a new tack. It has begun to talk directly to Japanese companies, urging them to buy more foreign products and to take other actions on their own to reduce Japan's huge trade surplus.

The direct appeal to the companies is partly an effort to circumvent Japan's bureaucrats, whom American officials accuse of being recalcitrant and responsible for the stalemate in negotiations under a new framework for trade talks agreed to by the two nations in July.

Some trade experts argue that even beyond the current negotia-tions, dealing directly with Japa-nese companies could become a more effective way of achieving American goals than working through the Japanese govern-ment. But so far, concrete results from such an approach are diffi-

"We are attempting to break new ground in how complex ne-gotiations involving big indus-tries will be dealt with," said Jeffrey E. Garten, under secretary of commerce for international trade. There will have to be some kind of overlap between public and private involvement."

But such a strategy carries a risk of undermining the American bargaining position in the framework talks. Tokyo has resisted American demands to establish goals for increasing the sales of foreign goods and services in Japan, arguing that the government cannot control the purchasing decisions of private companies and individuals.

By talking to companies directly, Washington seems to be agreeIn his meetings with the top ing with this argument, at least for automobiles and auto parts. The fact is, the big iss the automotive sector are driven by the companies themselves said Mr. Garten, who is the chief U.S. negotiator on autos and auto parts. To think the government

is going to press a button and say.
We're going to change the trace balance' is a mirage. During two trips to Japan, this month and last, Mr. Garteo called on the top executives of Japan's leading automakers. Some industry and government officials say these visits reflect more the personal style of Mr.

Garten than a new strategy by Washington. But others said they

expected Washington to expand

porate executives. this month with Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp., urging it to buy more foreign equipment. An NIT spokesman said, however, that the meeting focused on a

previous trade agreement on the

these personal contacts with cor-

company's procurement.

Mr. Garten said he did not think he was undermining Washington's bargaining position by approaching the companies directly, saying the United States is still making many requests of the Japanese government as well. In addition, he said, the automobile sector is different from other sectors in the framework talks, several of which involve government

charged that corruption in Ja-

pan's construction industry is a

barrier to foreign companies.

On Tuesday, Japan's govern-

ment approved a plan to open

more public works projects to

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Sendai's mayor, Torn Ishii, has resigned and is on trial on

separate charges of accepting

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News reports said prosecu-tors believed Obayashi gave

Mr. Ishii the money in connec-

corrupt bidding practices.

#### 2 Construction Executives Are Arrested in Bribe Case

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO - Two senior executives of Japan's fourth-largest construction company were arrested Tuesday on suspicion of bribing a mayor to the latest scandal involving corrupt deal-ings between the industry and

Prosecutors arrested Koreaki Hagiwara, vice president of Obayashi Corp., and Juichi Konishi, head of its northeastem Japan office.

The two are suspected of having given a 10 million yen (\$90,000) bribe in 1992 to the mayor of Sendai, a city in northern Japan. Prosecutors said they also raided Obayashi's offices to

Sendai, Tokyo and Osaka, and the homes of some other company executives. U.S. trade officials have

tion with bidding on a 37 billion yen waste incinerator and other city projects.

Two governors, two meyors and more than 25 construction executiveshave been arrested

since last summer in a series of similar scandals.

orate executives. executives of Toyota, Nissan and other automakers, Mr. Garten automakers, Mr. Garten urged them to buy more American can parts and give more research. development and management jobs to Americans. He has also asked them to make it easier for their Japanese dealers to carry foreign cars. Mr. Garten said he had been treated "graciously" by the companies. And although it may not have been a direct consequence of his visit, both Nissan and Toyota suggested last week that some of their Japanese dealers were considering selling vehi-cles made by Ford.

For their part, Japanese auto executives say Mr. Garten's visits are unusual, but they welcome the chance to explain their side. particularly the hard times they are facing. "This is the first time a U.S. government official came to visit us at Honda," said Nobuhiko Kawamoto, president of Honda Motor Co.

The visits seem to suggest that one way out of the stalemate in the framework talks would be for Japan's auto companies to set voluntary goals for buying foreign anto parts or selling foreign cars through their dealers. That would allow Japan's government to avoid agreeing to targets while giving Washington the measur-able results it is seeking.

But Japanese officials say there is little chance the companies will agree to this. They announced such voluntary plans in January 1992, when George Bush, then the U.S. president, visited Japan.

Some companies, however, oow regret having made these plans because Japan's prolonged economic slump, unforeseen at the time, will make it difficult for them to reach the goals. In addition, Japan says the United States has "misconstrued" the voluntary plan as a pledge and is trying to hold Japan to it.

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 Mitsuhishi Kasei Corp. will close its Malaysian chemical factory. Asian Rare Earth, because it is uncompendive, an officer of the Malaysian unit said; last month, the factory woo a loog legal battle to continue operations, but environmentalists insist it poses a public health risk.

 Hong Kong's stock exchange censured Lee Lap, chairman of the electronics manufacturer Termbray Industries International, for unfairly gaining control of some of the company's publicly traded shares.

 Bank of East Asia, Hong Kong's third-largest publicly traded bank, said profit after taxes and transfers to inner reserves climbed 46.8 percent to 1993, to 1 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$129.4 million).

 Nestle China Ltd. formed two joint ventures valued at a total of \$45 million to make ice cream and other dairy products.

· Sheraton International Inc., a unit of ITT Sheraton Corp., agreed to

establish China's first joint-venture hotel management company Alcan Australia Ltd. said it moved back into profit in 1993 after three yearly losses; the company reported profit of 772,000 Australian dollars (\$535.400), compared with a loss of 15.5 million dollars in 1992.

China plans to permit foreigners to explore and develop its oil and natural gas reserves, the official China Daily reported.

• PepsiCo Inc. agreed to form a \$28 million joint-venture soft-drink company in Chongqing, in China's Sichuan province; in the venture, with China Tianfu Cola Holding Co., PepsiCo will upgrade existing machinery before installing new equipment AFP, Bloomberg, AP, Knight-Ridder, Reuters

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Notice of Public International Bid N° 4 ARGENTINE REPUBLIC

MINISTRY OF FINANCE Financial improvement and Economic Development Program of the Argentine Provinces Ministry of Domesic Affairs of the Argentine Republic

PROVINCE OF SANTA FE

Repoving of provincial road N° 93 (Stretch 1: Firmat-Melinaué. Stretch 11: Melinauè-Hughes).

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Opening of Tenders: March 18, 1994 at 11 a.m.

At the "Salon Blanco" of the Government House, 1st Boor.

2651 3 de Febrero street, Province of Somita Fe, Argentine Republic.

1. This province has received a loan from the Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo through a Subragation Covenant with the national government: Loan Covenant BID (IDB) No. 619/CC-AR to contribute to pay for the Provincial Improvements Program. The province will devote part at these funds to making payments in accordance with that agreed upon in the control reterred to in this Notice.

2. Works will consist of repairs of the sub-base, surface patholes, base and surface layer with had asphalic concrete.

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3. The province invites those companies of the countries members of the BID (IDB) (Interamentation Development Bank) interested in participating to submit their tenders with the system of two envelopes (1. Documents for Preceditation. 2. Tender).

4. Bidding Proposals may be inspected and purchased, and additional information obtained at the affices of the UEP-DVP, 2951 Salta street, Municipal House, 9th floor (3000). Province of Santo Fè, Tel./tax:: 54-42-37660, Argentine Republic.

5. Official Budget p) Street: 1: \$ 3,361,600.

b) Street: 1: \$ 3,373,500.

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# **SPORTS**

# Stich, Seeded No. 2, Is Beaten By Washington in First Round

ed Michael Stich, spraying way-ward shots off the court in all directions, was upset. 7-6 (7-4), 6-3, 3-6, him, and he blamed his lethargy on 6-2, Tuesday by MaliVai Washing-playing in the Grand Slam Cup last ton in the first round of the Anstra-

lian Open. The German, a semifinalist in Melbourne last year and the No. 2 player in the world, was forced into repeated errors at the net by Washington's low returns. The American, ranked 26th in the world, lost his serve only in the third set.

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lei Vocek, Czech Republic, det. Christian Bergstrom, Sweden, 6-3, 1-1 retired; Andres

nany, 6-4, 6-2, 6-0.

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Arnoued Bowtsch (161, France, def. Ryon Blake, United States, 6-2, 6-4, 6-2, Lars Jonsson, Sweden, def. Byron Block, Zimbabws, 6-3, 7-5, 6-4; Todd Woodbridge,

Baseball Owners

Fail Once More to

Pick Commissioner

The Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE Flori-

da - The stymied major league baseball owners began meeting

again Tuesday in their search for a

Unable to agree on a candidate

during a seven-hour meeting Mon-

day that produced no evidence of

progression, the owners revised Tuesday's agenda to include the

issue along with discussion of reve-

The apparent finalists. North-

western University's president, Ar-nold Weber, and the U.S. Olympic

Committee executive director. Harvey Schiller, need 21 votes from the

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Among the issues discussed was the commissioner's authority over

labor relations, according to a

source familiar with the meeting wbo asked not to be identified.

There is disagreement about whether ultimate authority should

remain with management negotia-

tor Richard Ravitch or be trans-

Some small-market owners have

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28 owners to get the job.

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MELBOURNE -- Second-seedd Michael Stich, spraying wayStich said, "I gave it to him."
Stich said his lack of a break from tennis had caught up with him, and he blamed his lethargy on

> "I've played the Grand Slam Cup three times but it's not worth it - even if it's a lot of money," he said. "I'll never play it again even if I qualify. It was a mistake to play it

First-Round Results at the Australian Open

6-4, 6-7 (3-7), 7-5, 6-2; MalfVal Washington, United States, def. Michael Stich 12), Germo-

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derry, Australia. 4-1. 6-2, 6-4; Jonas Blacki

"It's not like he won the match," while watching Stich's frustrating able to be on my game. I did what I nerformance. had to do to win the match."

"I didn't even know the score at times," Stitch said. "I cannot speak for my mental strength out there. MaliVai played a good match. He hung in there and he didn't make as many unforced errors as I made. I just played a very terrible match."
Washington, who had lost his

four previous meetings with Stich, disagreed somewhat.

"I wouldn't say he gave it to me." His wife, Jessica, a German actress, rubbed her eyes repeatedly than today but fortunately I was

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The eighth seed, Petr Korda of the Czech Republic, who had been one of the hortest players on the tour, also was ousted, losing to Thomas Enqvist of Sweden, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (7-2).

"I learn in my life you are going very slowly up and you can go very fast down," Korda said.

Korda served 11 double faults and made 62 unforced errors as Enqvist, a tall right-handed teenager ranked 65th in the world, won in less than two hours.

13 Wayne Ferreira and No. 16 Arnaud Boetsch all won first-round matches.

just two games in advancing.

votna, No. 6 Mary Joe Fernandez, No. 9 Mary Pierce, and No. 14 Magdalena Maleeva also won.

over Javier Sanchez of Spain.



Michael Stich: "I didn't even know the score at times."

match. I think they help the Swedish players a lot."

omped to a 6-3, 6-0, 6-3 victory ver Javier Sanchez of Spain.

Still, Gustaffson struggled past while Martin a Roger Smith of the Bahamas, 3-6, 7-6 (7-3), 6-2

Yzaga of Peru.

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they're screaming and shouting." Kulti downed Jean-Philippe Fleur-Enqvist said. "It's like a soccer ian of France, 6-4, 6-2, 7-5. 7-6 (7-3), 6-2 victory over Jaime

Muster downed Robbie Weiss of the United States, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3, while Martin advanced with a 6-3,

Fourth-seeded Stefan Edberg, No. 6 Thomas Muster, No. 9 Todd Martin, No. 10 Magnus Gustafs-son, No. 12 Alexander Volkov, No. Australia def. John Sullivan, United States, 6-7 (4-7). 4-6. 7-5 (1-5). 6-4. 6-3; Jan Stemerink.
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Welss, United States, 6-1, 6-3. 4-5-4; Jacca Palmer, United States, 6-1, 6-3; Jana Novama (5).
Czech Republic def. Fans Li, China, 6-1, 6-3.

The women's second seed Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, dropped only four games in her first-round match, and No. 10 Kimiko Date, the first Japanese player to be ranked in the world's top 10, lost

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Cheered on by raucous fans with painted faces, Edberg, the two-time champion who is bidding for his first Australian title since 1987, romped to a 6-3, 6-0, 6-3 victory

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# Sniff of Scandal

ONDON -- Italians live with soccer scandals the way Californians ONDON — Italians live with soccer scandars the way live with earthquakes. They fear them, they talk endlessly of the big one, and they praise the gods when the shocks pass and they are able to pick up the threads as normal.

It has been a while since corruption came in the same breath as calcio, the Italian word for soccer. But always we knew, or we suspected, that there was movement beneath the surface.

The new epicenter of Italian scandal has erupted in Turin, where the lleged matpractices of the Torino club's president, Gianmauro Borsano, threaten to take others down with him. Borsano is under judicial investigation; his fortune, his club, his ethics are said to be bankrupt.

UEFA, the sport's governing body in Europe, is looking into claims that Torino provided prostitutes for the Belgian referee Guy Goethals (who is the son of the former Olympique Marseille coach) and his linesmen. Torino says there is some mistake; the ladies were interpreters,

But as magistrates pore over Torino's records, Borsano has reportedly confessed to operating a slosh fund from which he siphoned off into numbered Swiss accounts large per-

centages of fees received for players sold by the club. One transfer involved a golden hope of Italian wingplay, GianLuigi Lentini. Allegedly, the true Hughes

price Borsano extracted from AC Milan for Lennini was \$20 million.

AC Milan's owner, Silvio Berlusoni, will scoff at any impropriety with Torino. And Lentini is on a high, rediscovering the simple joy of playing again after surviving horrendous head injuries in a car crash. Last Sunday, he managed six minutes as a substitute for Milan, six priceless minutes after which he said: "The accident still flashes before my eyes, but I will soon tune myself into being the sort of person who has looked death in the face and is happy to be alive to tell the tale."

Life is the first bonus. The next is to work toward a high summer with Italy's team at the World Cup. Lentini, if fit in mind and body, will be there. So will Dino Baggio, sold by Torino to Juventus. So would any covered player who has passed through Torino's buying and selling machine.

Italy, never forget, is the nation that, in 1982, ammestied Paolo Rossi from action to the consisted match forget and the could that you

from prison so the convicted match fixer could score the goals that won that World Cup. Fillars of industry may fall, but soccar is untouchable. But England, straight-laced and proprietous, becomes awfully embarrassed at the suspicion of scandal. This old dame may have been left out

of the forthcoming ball, but she chings to her presumed innocence.

Yet England's football association is on the brink. An announcement is apposed to be imminent concerning the courtship of Terry Venables as the national team's new coach.

Venables has England's knickers in a twist. The FA, embarrassed by comments abroad, such as those by FIFA's general secretary, Sepp Biatter, calling England 30 years behind the times, fancies Venables as the coach most likely to redirect the playing fortun

His wiles and humor, his experience at coaching Barcelona to a Spanish championship and his ability to motivate players, are credentials without peer in England. He is also available and wants the job.

So why the delay? The FA, led by Sir Bert Millichip, a 79-year-old retired lawyer, is wracked by indecision. It wants Venables but fears him. The FA is wrestling with a dilemma which may be insoluble. It deems Venables to be the best qualified football man, but cannot be sure he is clean. He was sacked as Tottenham Hotspur's chief executive last summer and, in the fall, was accused in two television documentaries of financial irregularities inside and outside soccer.

A bottom of the allegations, which arose out of the clash of egos between two London eastenders—Venables and the man who fired him, Tottenham's chairman, Alan Sugar,

Sogar, who rose from barrow boy to multi-millionaire television satellitedish and computer salesman, came into soccer at Venables' invitation. His money, and Venables' acumen, were to save the destitute club. But they fell. out and in High Court, where Venables contested his sacking, Sugar declared, "The whole football industry has been riddled with corruption."

His finger pointed to Venables, and to the company Venables kept, including a personal financial adviser who has gone bankrupt 40 times over and soccer agents, the shadowy middle men of the transfer market. This Tuesday, Sugar was asked to explain himself and his club's alleged 1 1 1-2 four hours earlier. Millichip had boldly said that his investigations had be 2 2-3 led to no proof of the "media" insimuations against Venables.

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Condemning investigative report on Venables' tangled business affairs.

Its authors had been employed on the BBC Panorama probe four months previously. They restated virtually every allegation of fraud and financial impropriety, including the accusation that Venables obtained almost \$1.5 million to buy Tottenham shares by making false declara-

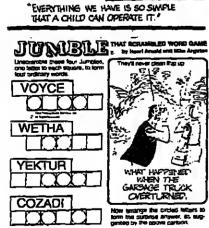
He has denied these allegations. His threat to sue Panorama is, so far, unserved. But now not only the BBC's lawyers, but those of the Financial Times, are sticking to their story.

"The same old story," Venables said Tuesday in reaction. And then the old Venables line that "people are trying to cast me as a slippery Cockney, a fraud and a crook."

The FA has to decide. It has, in effect, to gamble on Venables' word, or to seek out the next best candidate. Catch 22.

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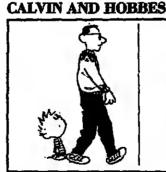








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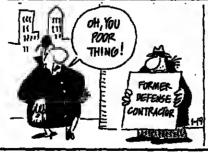








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Ron Hoevet, Gillooty's lawyer, Ron Hoevet, Gillooly's lawyer, But a letter purportedly written said. Gillooly had paid Eckardt by Gillooly and bearing his letter-\$3,500 a few hours after the attack head surfaced Monday and said, in because Harding was "very freaked part: "We have engaged the protec-out" by the incident. Gillooly was tion services of Shawn Eckardt on still in Portland at the time, then mimerous occasions both nationalflew to Detroit to join Harding.

Hoevet said \$3,000 of the payment for bodyguard services in The letter, attached to Eckardt's Portland and for an upcoming appearance in Fairfax, Virginia, that Lowe, an independent security co-rianding canceled came out of ordinator for the motion picture her funds with the U.S. Figure Skating Association. The other \$500 was in cash.

ardt for bodygnard services." Shane Minoaka Stant, the man accused of striking Kernigan's leg, appeared before a judge in Phoenix and agreed not to light extradition

to Oregon. Harding practiced again early in to her home whether her ex-husband would be arrested, she said, "No, he's not."

In Detroit, the Wayne County prosecutor. John O'Hair, told the Detroit Free Press he still did not have "one scrap or shred of evidence that Tonya Harding was in

any way involved."

NBC said it had confirmed a report in The Oregonian newspaper that investigators suspect Gil-looly used some money, donated by Harding's supporters to finance her

skating, to pay for the attack. Harding received almost \$35,000 over the last five years in grants and prising third after the first dance, gifts from athlete assistance fundsand private donors, officials said

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Playing its first game since being

voted No. 1, Kansas proceeded to

With its top scorer knocked out and its second-leading scorer in a shooting funk, the Jayhawks lost, 68-64. Monday night to visiting

Kansas State in one of college bas-kethalf's oldest rivalries.

won 12 in a row and was the fourth

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team this season to take the top

spot in the polls.

The Jayhawks lost Richard Scott.

early after he was kneed in the

forehead by a teammate. Scott, averaging 15.5 points a game and Kansas' main inside player, was taken to the hospital with a possi-

Steve Woodberry, averaging 15.4 points, made just 2 of 11 shots and

finished with eight points. Wood-

berry did not have a field goal in the first half and could not make a

3-pointer in seven tries. Kansas, which had been outre-

bounding its opponents by an aver-

age of more than seven a game, was

Kansas (16-2, 1-1 Big Eight) had

botch things but good.

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The U.S. Olympic Committee
PORTLAND, Oregon — Figure confirmed that Harding received skater Tonya Harding was to be grants totaling \$13,679 since 1989. questioned Tuesday by the district. In addition, the committee said, attorney as investigators reportedly she got funds from private donors, were linking her Olympic training including \$20,630 from George Steinfund and her former husband to bremer, a USOC vice president

the attack on rival Nancy Kerrigan. who owns the New York Yankees.

NBC News, quoting sources in Hower maintained that both Portland, reported that authorities. Harding and Gillooly are innocent.

not really Harding's bodyguard.

ly and abroad. He is a capable and effective presence."

"He almost ruined my career," Lowe said, adding that Eckardt "It was a legitimate payment," "proposed sabotaging another sections Gilledly or Harding paid Eckus out of a job, and I just got away

Sweden's Wiberg: When Skiing, Never Say Never

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Sweden's Wiberg: When Skiing, Never Say Never from him. He wanted to sae me for breach of contract, then he was waiting outside my apartment all

night."

Lowe said he received the letter from Gillocky last February, and (AP, AFP)

■ Tolvvill and Dean Trailing The comeback hopes of Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean were dealt a blow Tuesday as they trailed the reigning world champi-ons after the opening rounds of the

European Figure Skating Champi-

onships in Copenhagen, The Associated Press reported. Maya Usova and Alexander Zhulin of Russia led the competition after the two compulsory dances, Torvill and Dean, a surwere tied for second with Russia's Oksana Gritschuk and Evgeni Pla-

tov after the second dance. The compulsory dances count 20 percent toward the total score. The way she wins that makes Wiberg such an even picking up points in the downhill, an original dance; worth 30 percent, will be skated Thursday with the final free dance on Friday."

Traditionally, the couple that ins the first compulsory dance goes on to win the competition.

weak game and did not play the last

seconds to go on a 3-pointer by

Sean Pearson, but the Wildcats' point guard, Anthony Beane then dribbled off as much of the shot

clock as he dared before driving to

the middle of the lane and making a

the last three or four minutes. I've

always said I'm not going to let the

other team stand out there and

dribble the clock away. We should

Askia Jones scored 26 for Kan-

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sas State (12-3, 1-2) and Beane had. 18. Pearson led Kansas with 15

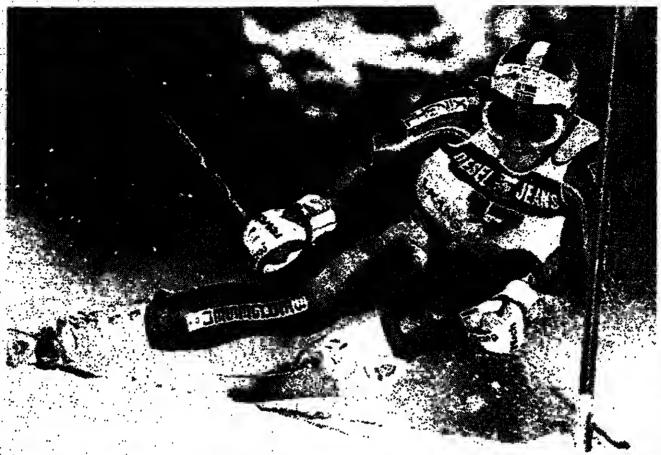
62: Ray Allen scored 18 of his ca-

reer-high 28 points in the second half and Donyell Marshall finished with 23 points for host Connecticut

(15-1). Hartford (7-5) came in with

throws for the final margin.

Kansas tied at 64-64 with 43.6



Jan Einar Thorsen, with his first victory in a World Cup giant slalom race, gave Norway's men their third triumph in a week.

approaches every race as if it were both her

"I enjoy competition, and I enjoy racing,"

she said, a pure, unbridled smile on her face, "It's important that I enjoy it. I couldn't

the defending champion. Schneider is third, 162 points behind Wiberg. Second runs have become Wiberg's show-

case, allowing her to rally to victory in two slaloms — from ninth place in Veysonnaz

Always strong in the technical specialties,

Wiberg has improved markedly in the speed events. Until this season, her best super-G

performance had been a 13th place at Santa Caterina in 1991. This year, she has finished

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By Ken Shulman one on the women's tour exudes the raw, sm-lit energy that animates Wiberg in competition. From her warmup to ber finish, she

be hard for me to ski any other way. I can't zan, a 17-year-old Slovene, And with 905

understand some skiers who go to the start- points in the overall World Cup standings,

ing gate thinking they'll be satisfied with she has taken a 66-point lead over Wachter,

can see it in the way she leaves the starting

gate. You can see it when she charges

through the gates. And you can see it when

she skates desperately for the finish line at

Since joining the World Cup tour in 1989, Wiberg has become one of its most dynamic

and endearing acts. In 1991, she burst into

the top ranks when she won the giant slalom

at the World Championships in Saalbach,

Austria. The following year, at the 1992 Winter Olympics in Albertville, she won a gold medal in the giant slalom, leaving the second-place finisher nearly a second be-

It is not so much that she wins as it is the

the end of every run.

15th place,"

# Norway, Again: **Thorsen Takes Giant Slalom**

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CRANS-MONTANA, Switzerland — Jan Einar Thorsen won his first World Cup giant slalom Tuesday and gave Norway, host of next month's Winter Olympics, its third triumph in a week in men's skiing.

Thorsen, better known as a speed racer, overtook first-run leader Rainer Salzgeber of Austria to win in a combined time of 2 minutes, 32.83 seconds. Thorsen was second after the first heat.

Mitja Kunc, among the surging new generation of Slovenian skiers, came in second, .10 behind Thorsen with a career best. "I was a little nervous in the second leg," said the obviously de-

lighted Kunc, 22. "I decided to ski solidly and not take any risks." Salzgeber, third at 2:33.44, re-

mained winless on the World Cup

Two-time Olympic giant slalom

skied the fastest second run but had to settle for fourth place, .90 behind. He has won two races this season, both slaloms. Kjetii Andrė Aamodt of Nor-

way, the reigning giant slalom world champion, finished fifth and widened his lead in the overall points race and the giant slalom

He and teammate Lasse Kius hoisted a beaming Thorsen onto their shoulders in celebration. "With my good result in the gi-ant at Val d'Isere I had the feeling that I was on the way up," Thorsen

Tomba, who said that he was still be troubled by "a bout of influenza and continuing pains in my left thigh," added that "I do not think I should be the considered favorite

for the giant in Lillehammer. "I think my chances are better in the slalom, although I would like to win both," he said. "I am now going to rest for two weeks and get back to top form with training.

Thorsen, 27, won the bronze medal in the super-g at the 1992 Olympics. His only other World Cup victory was in a super-giant

slalom two seasons ago. This season's seventh giant slatop. It's important to have a goal in front of the super-G at Santa Caterina, putting to lom was the last on the tour before rest her doctors' concerns that her newly next month's Winter Games.

And Norway's male skiers seem to be peaking, with four World Cup triumphs since Jan. 9.

Kjus woo a combined last weekend hased on his performances in a downhill and a slalom at Kitzbühel, Austria. Aamodt, shooting for his first overall title, won the giant sialom last Tuesday.

He now has 832 points, a lead of 180 over Gunther Mader of Austria, who finished 10th Tuesday. Aamodt has 362 glant slalom

oints, 26 more than Austria's Christian Mayer. Slovak officials said Tuesday they will bid for the 2002 Winter

Olympics, offering the eastern High Tatra mountains as the primary site. Vladimir Cernusak, chairman of the Slovak Olympic Committee, said in Bratislava that a preliminary application would be sent to

the International Olympic Committee by Jan. 24. A successful bid "will get rid of

#### sets her apart from her rivals. "I always had my mind set on being the Switzerland's Vrem Schneider has a more best all-around skier on the tour," she said. elegant, classic, upright style. Auita Wachter "And I was sure of being able to do it. Even of Austria is smoother in the flats. But no as a child, I looked forward to being at the

SIDELINES

#### It May Be a Whitbread Dead Heat

SOUTHAMPTON, England (AP) — The third leg of the Whitbread Round the World Race appeared Tuesday to be headed for the yachting equivalent of a photo finish, with just eight nautical miles separating the

first four boats: Winston, skippered by Dennis Conner, continued to lead the fleet as it sailed the Tasman Sea for Auckland, New Zealand, but the American yacht's once-commanding lead had been cut to one mile by the European yacht Intrum Justitia.

The Japanese-New Zealand entry Yamaha, in second place earlier in the day, had dropped to third, but only two miles off the lead. The Japanese-New Zealand boat Tokio was fourth. The first four boats are all Whitbread 60s. The leader in the maxi class,

New Zealand Endeavor, was fifth overall, 24 miles adrift of Winston. Urugnay Natural, in last place among the maxis, resumed sailing Tuesday after a brief stop at Hobart, Australia, to repair a damaged rudder.

#### running shot over Jacque Vaughn. Patrick Richey missed in the lane for Kansas, which then was forced to foul Beans. He made two free Japan to Allow More Foreign Horses

TORYO (Reuters) — Japan is expected to open its five classic races to foreign horses, probably in 1997, an official of the Japan Racing Association said Tuesday.

Horses bred abroad are banned from the five big-money classics to "I told the kids I apologize," said the Jayhawks' coach, Roy Wil-liams, "I did a poor job of coaching

protect local breeders. But in 1992, the IRA, responding to foreign pressure, amounced an eight-year plan aimed at admitting foreign borses to a total of 12 races by 1999. Apart from the 3-year-old classics, another five races have been opened from this year. The prestigious Japan Cup

has been open for some years.

The JRA had also decided to ease curbs on foreign jockeys racing in Japan. The official said riders could obtain a license valid for up to three months under certain conditions, notably guarantees of work.

#### For the Record

German and English soccer officials will meet Wednesday to determine whether to go ahead with a match between their national teams on April Heralberts Eribunc. 20, Adolf Hitler's birthday, despite threats from neo-Nazi troublemakers, the German federation said.

Valentine, Italy's renowned fashion stylist, will design the uniforms and wardrobes of Italian soccer players for the World Cup in the United States under an agreement signed Boris Becker, the three-time

> bara, gave birth to a son in Munich. "Mother and child are both well," the father said. (AP) Helen Stephens, 75, the winner of two gold medals in track in the

Wimbledon champion, became a first-time father when his wife, Bar-

1936 Games in Berlin and one of the great female athletes of her day, died after a stroke in St. Louis.

#### **Uuotable**

Angeles) was being spruced up to showcase 100 white grand pianos for the opening ceremony of the 1984 Summer Olympics. Now it looks like a good spot for a guy with a harmonica and tin cup.

• Lary Sorenson, the former pitcher who is now a broadcaster, waxing nostalgic about Cleveland cold and the stench when the sew-

linebacker, asked to name his most memorable sporting event: "The egg toss in Cub Scouts."

#### Wiberg's performance this seasoo is even more remarkable considering that her doctors were not even sure whether she would be

able to race this year. "Last January, I was skiing at Maribor in a slalom, and I hit a bump while coming through a gate," she recalled. "I went to set up for the oext gate, but I had oo power to Pernilla Wiberg skis to win.

"I would like to win every race I enter,"

said Wiberg, a 23-year-old Swede, who is the sweet, having won two slaloms and Monday's super-G, a title she shared with Alenka Dov-

turn my ski. I thought my binding had come Pulling out of the course, Wiberg was surprised when saw that her boot was still firmly attached to her ski. Back at her hotel room, her trainer discovered that her Achil-

les tendon had been severed. Flown back to Sweden, Wiberg had surgery the following

The surgeoo said that her season was definitely over, and that she might be able to recover in time to compete this season.

In the late spring, Wiberg began her rehabilitation. She worked with weights, rode a bicycle and wore a special flotation vest that permitted her to run in the water.

sixth, fifth and first in three races. She is In August, she stepped back into a pair of appealing athlete. She skis with a combinaboots and took a few careful, leisurely runs sets her apart from her rivals.

years ago.

Years ago.

"I always had my mind set on being the down a sid slope. She was not even able to run when she returned to competition at the season-opening giant slalom in November, a race that she failed to finish.

Yet one month later, she finished sixth in

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attached tendon might oot withstand the strain of high-velocity racing. The next day. she finished third in the giant slalom. In December, she won at Veysonnaz. She has since added two more victories, to bring her career total to eight.

"I was oever really sad or discouraged over the summer," she said. "I'd hurt my knee in 1989, and I knew what it was like to have to work my way back into shape. There were a few setbacks this time, but most of the time the recovery went according to

Wiberg is looking forward to the Lillehammer Olympic Games next month. "I'd like to take another gold there," she

said. "Especially in slalom. You have to plan, to chart out your course in the other evenis. Slalom is more instinctive. You just ski oo feeling.

This could also be the year when the World Cup statistics demonstrate that Wiberg has attained her goal of becoming the world's best all-around skier.

"Winning the World Cup is obviously an important goal," she said. "But you have to remember that it's only January. The standings will be up and down all season. If you start thinking about your position in the said Jan Magac, mayor of the east-World Cup, you are afraid to go all out ern city of Poprad, which would because you might lose points if you fail. It's probably serve as the central venue. more important to ski to win."

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## Spurs' Star Robinson Is Injured, **But Bullets Suffer a Worse Blow**

The San Antonio Spurs should have been thrilled after winning their sixth straight. They weren't, and the Washington Bullets feit Both teams had plenty to free

over after losing their highest-scor-ing players to injuries Monday night in a game won by San Antomo, 100-87. David Robinson, the Spurs' cen-

ter who is second in the league in scoring at 27.8 per game, hurt his knee in warmups and ended a Philadelphia in the third quarter. It string of 119 consecutive games Rex Chapman, leading the Bul-lets in scoring at 18.9 per game, dislocated his ankle and will be

sidelined up to 10 weeks. "I don't know what I did to it," Robinson said. "In the warmup be. fore the game, I made a quick turn and left an incredible pain."

Terry Cummings led the Spurs short of the franchise record as with 21 points, while Rodman had Utah led by 30 points entering the two points and 19 rebounds.

Utah led by 30 points entering the fourth quarter. Karl Malone had 25

bench with a sore knee, by burying with a minute left and Gerald Wil-

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was 92-66 entering the fourth B.J. Magic.
Armstrong finished with 21 points,
Scottie, Pippen had 20 and Bill land, it came down to the final 12 Wennington 18 in the Bulls' most lopsided victory of the season.

playing at home, gained a slight edge over Scattle (16-1) for best homecourt record in the NBA (17-Chapman was injured when he season-high with 38 points, getting Golden State won its fourth straight and ended a six-game lost hile driving the lame. Doctors Jazz 169, Pistons 94: Detroit, at home, lost its 13th straight, one Nov. 28, 1992. Season-high with 38 points, getting Golden State won its fourth

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The Spurs held Washington to points and 11 rebounds and was an all-time franchise low of 23 reone assist about of a triple double. bounds, three short of an all-time Cavallers 114, Magic 107: Cleve-NBA record for fewest in a game, land a 13-point lead with 3:35 left, Balls 121, 76ers 91: Chicago ran its home winning streak to 14 that tied the score before Mark es, with Horace Grant on the Price sank a tie-breaking 3-pointer

> visiting Orlando. O'Neal had 31 points and Anfernee Hardaway added 23 for the

kins made two fool shots to beat

seconds: Latrell Sprewell made two free throws with 11.8 seconds left Hawks 102, Bucks 98. Atlanta, to put Golden State up by 3, then avine at home, rained a slight. Dan Majerle shot an airball from 3point range five seconds later.
Billy Owens added a think at the 1) Dominique Wilkins matched his buzzer for the final margin as

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as it had looked in days of yore

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of salesmeo offering suspiciously

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She started talking this way a

year ago. Originally, she hoped it would throw telephone-company salesmen off their spiel if they thought they had crashed through a

time warp and reached a woman in

the Elizabethan Age. Realizing that

the telephone still hadn't been in-

vented in those days (she rea-

soced), they would then hang up

without the usual attempt to make

Alas, I said. This was merely

Giveth it to me, straight from

"Our decision not to buy the

"Listen and learn," said I. "If

this Important Notice is to be be-

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vice is oow completely vindicated!

"Surely thou kiddeth."

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the shoulder," she said.

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She spoke: "By my troth, good

before the telephone wars began.

-yes, that dear but careworn wifely

lieved - and sure it must be, else why would it be yelept 'Important Notice? - then our telephooe company is now helping callers to prevent their own oumbers from being displayed oo the Caller ID boxes people bought for the purpose of finding out what oumber was ringing them up."

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"Zouods!" she cried. "Tis a miracle of telephonic cancellation. First the phooe company provideth people the means to learn the caller's oumber, then it provideth the caller with the means to preveot people from learning his

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"And it's so simple," I said. "If I don't want some nosy Caller ID box By Russell Baker NEW YORK — Great news from my telephone company!

tipping off its owner to my phone imber, I simply punch 67, or 1167 if I'm using a rotary-dial phone.

'My call then rings into Mr., or
Mrs., or Miss. or Ms. Nosy who portant Notice," it said. "Thank God!" I cried. "At last!" thinks he or she's got the old Caller hausted from endless days and ID all ready to record my number. But the laugh's on them, Wife, benights of trying to persuade tele-phone-company salesmen that we did not want to abandon our current

cause if I've punched 67, the only thing that appears on Caller ID is the word 'Private' or the letter 'P.' "O brave new world, that has such genius in 't," she said. "But hath the wretched sap, she who hath paid the telephone company for its Caller ID service, no recourse against that company for making a useless mockery of her purchase?

Sometimes I suspect my wife of playing the innocent just to keep me armised. Surely she knew our telephone company better than that.

It was not the kind of telephone company that, having sold Caller ID service to help its customers scare off breathers and other such sexual harassers, would sell another device to neutralize this protection without providing yet another way for Caller ID customers to compete against the company's new Caller ID neutralizer.

I read as follows from the Important Notice: "Caller ID subscribers can choose not to receive calls from people who block the display of their number. By dialing 77, (or 1177 oo a rotary phone), Caller ID subscribers can activate Anonymous Call Rejection."

And at oo extra charge! After activating the service, you will hear an announcement telling you that callers who wish to speak with you must unblock their numbers in order for your telephone to ring. If you do not activate the service, all calls will ring your telephooe. To de-activate Anonymous

Call Rejection, simply dial 87 (or 1187 on a rotary phone)." "Doth this make sense," asked my wife, "or doth our telephone company do such things in obedi-ence to some vice president for ridiculous ideas, whomof we know not?" What do I care? I'm too happy about not having bought Caller ID in the first place, thus saving us both from the toil of mastering yet another batch of oumbers.

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# Cousin Bobby, an Actor With a Pulpit

By David Gonzalez New York Times Service

NEW YORK — In his career as an Episcopal priest, the Reverend Robert Castle has hurled himself eagerly into the fray - whether befriending and supporting Black Panthers in Jersey City, New Jersey, demonstrating against the Vietnam War in Washington or agitating for social justice in

His defiant refusal to compromise his beliefs has earned the outspoken 64-yearold cleric both accolades and arrests. "At my age," he said, in the cluttered rectory of his Harlem church, "I don't have any hesi-

tation about anything anymore."
Well, there was the matter of kissing Joanne Woodward.

You see, Castle, better known as Cousin Bobby from the otle of Jonathan Demme's 1992 documentary about him, appears in Demme's new movie, "Philadelphia," as Tom Hanks's father, Bud Beckett — and Joanne Woodward's husband.

One scene called for Castle to kiss Woodward during the Becketts' 40th anniversary party, and Demme admitted it required a bit of coaxing to oudge him over his shyness.

Recalling the scene, which was eventually cut from the film, Castle became uncharacteristically flustered. "It was just a . . . " he began, then paused. "I guess I did. Period." Another pause, a weak smile and a wave. "I'm an old man now." Viewers of "Cousin Bobby" know that

rejuctance is a word oot often associated with Castle, a hulking man with a stubbly pate and wire-rim glasses. "I'm shy about some things. But issues of social justice I'm not shy about." Indeed, angered by New York City's refusal to install a stoplight at a dangerous intersection near his church, he had his congregants haul the altar from the sanctuary and gleefully celebrated mass in the street.

Appalled by the rampant drug use and sales that claimed many lives in his commu-nity, he spoke like a man possessed at a rally in 1989, accusing the city's power structure of condoning nothing less than

Demme said the idea of casting Castle who really is his cousin — as the father of a young lawyer who is wrongly dis-missed from his job because he has AIDS originated with Ron Nyswaner, the screenwriter. Demme said Nyswaner had helped arrange a screening of "Cousin Bobby" at an upstate New York festival and had been impressed with Castle's commitment and spunk. "I probably would have been afraid on a nepotism level," Demme said. "But since someone

else had suggested it, it's O. K. Castle, who said he is easily bored, seized the chance to read for the part, even



The Reverend Robert Castle, coasin of filmmaker Jonathan Demme, is Joanne Woodward's husband in "Philadelphia."

if he was a little unsure about his acting. "In getting this part I had confidence in my role because I knew Mr. Demme

wouldn't put something on the screen that's bad. He'd make sure I'd do it right." Although Castle joked that his only acting comes every Sunday at church, Dennne saw a grain of truth in that. "He's an emotional guy and a communicator."

Demme said. "That's what acting's about."

The movie appealed to Castle not just for its treatment of the AIDS issue, but also for its portrayal of a family that accepted their son's homosexuality and supported him during his trial. His own church, St. Mary's, runs an AIDS residence, and Castle says he knows what it is like to see friends wither away from the disease. The experience of losing friends and

parishioners to AIDS probably helped Castle achieve the right frame of mind for the part, he said, adding that those experiences were more on a subconscious level. But he drew directly on a more personal tragedy, the death of his own son Robert, who drowned while swimming in a Vermont river at the age of 19.

His memories of the accident prompted him to add to his lines in the scene where the Becketts say what would be their final good-bye to Andy as he lies in a hospital bed, tubes in his arms and an oxygen mask on his face. "The line originally was 'Good night, son. Try to get some rest." Castle recalled. "What I added was I love you. Andy.' This was very important to me. If I had been able to see my son before he died, I would have wanted to say that to him."

The "Philadelphia" role is not Castle's first. He and his wife, Kate, had fleeting nonspeaking roles as missionaries getting off a plane in "The Silence of the Lambs." Kate Castle noted that her husband's acting is a welcome relief from the strains of his pastoral and political work.

"He needs a little glamour in his life." she said. "I think he loves it, even though minute it's over it doesn't mean much to him. But while he's at it, he loves it."

She said she once joked that her husband said he'd like to go against type, perhaps playing a villain. But she knows that he looks more like a priest or a cop.

However slim, there might be a chance to delve into that darker side. Demme said some colleagues have said Castle would be a good choice to play T. Eugene (Bull) Comor, the segregationist Public Safety Commissioner of Birmingham, Alabama, during the 1963 civil right demonstrations. in a movie he plans based on the Taylor Branch history "Parting the Waters."

For a person of Castle's political bent. that might be too much evil to handle. There are plenty of gnys who can play Bull Connor — with conviction maybe," he said. Let me be somebody else, for a cause.

He says his coovictions will keep him as pastor in Harlem, even though he may hedge his bets and get an agent. "I'm not sure about just doing anything," he said. "I am first a priest. That's what I want to do and be."

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#### PEOPLE

#### Charles Steps Down, From His Polo Pony

A change of lifestyle: Prince:
Charles will give up competitive
polo for fearing of damaging his
back, which he injured playing the
game last year, but he will continue to appear in a few charity matches. Charles has suffered back strain on several occasions from playing polo, and in 1990 he broke an arm when he took a spill during a match. Charles's mother, Que Flizabeth II, broke a bone in her wrist when her horse fell last weekend. "He will play considerably less polo this year," a spokesman for Charles said. "He is simply not prepared to take the risk of his back letting him and everyone elic

Cicciolina, a porn star and for .... mer member of the Italian Parliament, has won the right to see her-14-month-old son, Ludwig, during a custody battle over him. The porn star, whose real name is Hone Staller, is fighting her estranged hus-band, the artist Jeff Koons, for the child, whom Koons removed from Rome oo Christmas Eve and brought to New York.

Jean Favier, the director of the French National Archives, was named Tuesday to preside over the high-tech national library under construction on the banks of the Seine. The Bibliothèque Nationale de France, one of President François Mitterrand's grand architectural projects, is expected to open in December 1996. Favier, a medieval specialist, will oversee the twoyear transfer of 11 million volumes to the new library.

Kenneth Clarke, the chancellor of the Exchequer, was ranked as the scruffiest member of Britain's House of Commoos. Clarke, known for his pot belly, crumpled suits and shabby suede shoes, gained the dubious distinction from Visual Image, a media group that coaches top executives in pre-sentation skills. Clarke's boss, Prime Manister John Major, could manage only eighth place in the sartorial-disaster sweepstakes.

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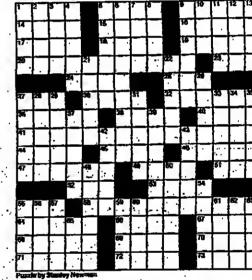
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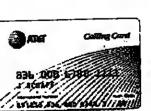
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